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NATION'S LARGEST VACUFLO DEALER'S PRESIDENT INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - - Gary Phillips, President and Founder of Gary's VACUFLO, the Nation's largest VACUFLO dealer, was inducted to the Vacuum & Sewing Dealers Trade Association's (VDTA/SDTA) Hall Of Fame. The ceremony was held February, 20 2008 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Upon receiving the honor, Phillips was presented with a Hall of Fame plaque which features his biography and photo. A duplicate will be sent to the Hall of Fame's gallery.

"Gary Phillips' induction into the Vacuum Dealers Trade Association Hall of Fame is a well-deserved honor. His many contributions to the central vacuum industry have had a direct impact on its growth and vitality. Gary is truly an industry leader," said Scott Wells, Executive Director of the VDTA.

Being inducted into the VDTA Hall of Fame is a high honor for professionals in the floor care and sewing industries. Those who hold the classification have over 20 years of experience working in the industries. They have conducted business in such a manner to always reflect favorably on the industry, and they have contributed as a leader in some fashion so as to better the organization as a whole.

Gary's VACUFLO has grown into one of the largest central vacuum dealers in the country, with more than 50 employees working from showrooms in SE Portland, Beaverton and Bend. Due to Gary's marketing efforts, personal drive and the well deserved good will of his customers, he has brought recognition of the central vacuum industry to the Pacific Northwest and has popularized central vacuums with both builders and consumers.

Gary's Vacuflo has been consistently honored by various organizations and Gary has been an active member of the Portland Metro Area Home Builders Association for **XX** years. He is a long-time member of the VDTA and has given numerous educational presentations at VDTA conventions. Gary continues to give back to the industry by educating Green Building organizations on the benefits of central vacuum systems and

by sharing his knowledge with other dealers. He has been instrumental in helping other dealers grow their businesses.

About Gary Phillips: Phillips founded the company in 1987 but originally Gary was an air-traffic controller and then worked as a trim carpenter in Alaska during the air traffic controller strike of 1981 in which President Regan laid-off Gary and about 13,000 other air traffic controllers. Subsequently, Phillips started selling VACUFLO system out his garage on the after he was initially exposed to the great product and in 1988 in he moved his VACUFLO operation from his garage to Flavel Street in SW Portland. Gary's now employs more than 50 people with office-showrooms in Southeast Portland, Beaverton and Bend.

About Gary's Vacuflo: Gary's VACUFLO provides central vacuum systems and service to new or existing homes for cleaner living and is the No. 1 VACUFLO dealer and installer in the U.S. Gary's also ranks as the largest built-in central vacuum systems retailer, of any brand, in the nation. Based in SE Portland, Gary Phillips founded the company in 1987 and has since expanded to three other locations in: Bend, Beaverton, and Vancouver, with superior customer service and customer satisfaction being key factors to the company's success. In 2007, Gary's VACUFLO was featured on ABC's "Extreme Home Makeover" when the show remodeled a Corvallis, Oregon home. Other features and accolades include: Portland Metro Homebuilders Association's "Associate of the Year" (2006 & 2007), "Trade Contractor of the Year" (2005), Sales Excellence Award (2006), and the annual award given to VACUFLO's leading dealer in sales (the Diamond Award) winner (2003, 2005, 2006). For more information visit www.garysvacuflo.com

About the VDTA and SDTA: The VDTA/SDTA is an international trade association dedicated to supporting the interests of independent floor care and sewing dealers. The VDTA/SDTA provides dealers with the latest information on products, services, sales and marketing, training and education through monthly publications and yearly conventions. The association exists to educate and promote the independent sewing and floor care dealers in order to increase their market share and enable them to be more competitive. The overall goal of the association is to help independent dealers be stronger together.

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