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HBA RECOGNIZES GARY'S VACUFLO WITH AWARD

Gary's Vacuflo announced today that the Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Portland (HBA) had awarded owner Gary Philips as its Trade Contractor of the Year at the 2005 Excellence Awards on Saturday.

The award recognizes Philips for his leadership in the HBA, as well as his commitment to the building industry and community service.

"I'm very happy to receive this award because it is given by our peers in the building industry," Philips said. "They are so important to our success, and we want to be a part of theirs. That's why being an active member of the HBA is such a high priority for us."

Philips started Gary's Vacuflo in his garage in 1987, after he first encountered central vacuuming systems while working as a trim carpenter in Alaska. He was so impressed by how well the systems could clean up the job sites where he had been working that he decided to start selling them himself. Since then, his company has grown to employ 40 people and installs 2,600 complete systems per year.

Gary's Vacuflo now ranks as the largest dealer of central vacuuming systems in the nation and has ranked as the number one Vacuflo dealer in the country for the past four years.

As the largest Vacuflo dealer in the country, Gary's Vacuflo is a well-known member of the Portland building community. The company has been a member of the HBA for more than 15 years, and supports the organization with both time and money.

“Gary’s commitment to the HBA, both from his own leadership and the support he encourages and provides from his company, is something we value and greatly appreciate,” said David Nielson, the CEO of the HBA. “In a year when he had to manage tremendous business growth, he continues to find ways to support our events, promote our organization, and strengthen our industry.”

The award from the HBA is the eighteenth that Gary’s Vacuflo has received since 1995. In that time it has received various awards including the Doernbecher Hero Award, the Oregon Remodelers Association Service Award, and the Vacuflo Diamond Performance Award, among others.

About Gary’s VACUFLO: Gary’s VACUFLO provides central vacuum systems and service to new or existing homes for cleaner living. Gary’s VACUFLO currently has office-showrooms in southeast Portland, Beaverton and Bend. Named the 2004 Top VACUFLO dealer in the nation by VACUFLO dealers, Gary’s VACUFLO is on pace to match this designation for 2005. Gary’s VACUFLO strives to “exceed customers’ expectations at all times.” Gary’s VACUFLO proudly sponsors the Doernbecher Miracle House at the Street of Dreams as well as the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland exhibit at the Children’s Museum. For more information, visit the company’s website at www.garysvacuflo.com.