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GERBER PLUMBING FIXTURES LLC ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION EXPANSION

WOODRIDGE, Ill. (September 2008) – Gerber Plumbing Fixtures LLC has announced plans to expand its plumbing fixture distribution in the last quarter of 2008, thus illustrating the company’s commitment to the wholesale distribution channel.

“In today’s economic climate, it is very exciting to see growth and continual development. We are eager to continue to build a solid foundation to serve our customers nationwide,” said Michael Werner, CEO and president of Gerber.

Allowing for improved service, Gerber’s Western Distribution Center will double in size, and the product profile will also be expanded. To increase the company’s capability to serve the Eastern United States and Canada, it is adding 160,000 square feet of space in the form of the new Eastern Distribution Center. This state-of-the-art full-service center will feature complete product profiles while maintaining will-call capabilities.

In addition, Gerber’s Central Distribution Center will be relocated to the company’s current 270,000-square-foot facility in Woodridge, Ill., which will also house a full-service lab for product testing, certification, and quality assurance and control. As a result of these expansion activities, operations at the Kokomo, Ind., location will cease on November 1, 2008.

Gerber strives to create a seamless transition during the expansion activities, and each facility will be capable of the company’s full range of shopping options: single ship, pallet quantities, LTL and full truckload orders.

“Our investment into expanding our distribution capabilities will allow us to service our new and existing customers more consistently and quickly,” commented Jeffrey Pratt, vice president of sales for Gerber.

For more information on Gerber Plumbing Fixtures LLC and its distribution capabilities, visit www.gerberonline.com or call 630.754.0278.

About Gerber:

Gerber Plumbing Fixtures LLC is a leading manufacturer of vitreous china plumbing fixtures, faucets, fittings, and bathroom suites for the residential, commercial, and hospitality construction markets. Gerber products are sold exclusively to the plumbing professional and are supported with Gerber’s exclusive “Best-in-Class” customer service. The company is committed to sustaining the environment through resource conservation and building best practices. It is part



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