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MARQUIS SEATING ANNOUNCES A VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS

*With years in the furniture industry, Andrew T. Ryan is sure to Make his Marq™
as part of the Marquis management team*

(January 8, 2009, HIGH POINT, NC)— Marquis Seating announced today they have brought on a Vice President of Operations. After years in the high-end residential upholstery market, Andrew T. Ryan has joined Marquis in the commercial seating industry as VP of Operations.

Ryan possesses vast knowledge and experience in the construction of building the finest quality upholstered furniture. This announcement comes on the heels of the company breaking into the healthcare and assisted living markets in upholstered seating.

“We are developing Marquis as a leader in the commercial seating world,” said Gary M. Lindenberg, President of Marquis Seating. “We are excited about bringing Andrew on board the Marquis management team. Having someone of his caliber within our operation will serve to secure Marquis’ position as one of the top commercial seating manufacturers.”

Ryan received his degree from Virginia Tech in 1991. Upon graduation Andrew worked for Rowe Furniture Corporation for several years in various positions of increasing responsibility. Among these roles he was the manager of the Salem Frame Division. After years with Rowe, Ryan was offered a position as the Quality Assurance Manager with HDM, the parent company of Henredon Furniture Industries & Drexel Heritage. He was responsible for all aspects of quality control in 4 upholstery manufacturing plants from the raw materials through the finished product.

After leaving Henredon, Ryan joined the Williams Sonoma Home Brands. He was the upholstery Quality Assurance & Sourcing Manager at Williams Sonoma Home and upholstery Quality Manager for Pottery Barn. Ryan has also completed the Manufacturing Executive Program through University of Virginia, ISO 9000, Single Minute Exchange of Dies, Lean Manufacturing, Skills for Success and is a DDI Certified Facilitator.

“Andrew comes to us with extensive experience and an eye for detail. I’m confident with his drive and strong leadership skills he will set our operation above the rest,” said Lindenberg.

Marquis was founded in 1992 in Lexington, NC. The company relocated to Thomasville in 1994. Marquis is best known for building quality custom upholstery furniture in the hospitality industry. Five years ago Marquis expanded into the contract industry, distributing upholstered seating through a dealer and designer based network. This year Marquis has introduced product into the healthcare and assisted living markets. Marquis holds several national accounts with the major leaders in the hotel industry as well as many standard programs with nationwide retailers.

Marquis offers a unique line of lounge chairs, loveseats, sofas, sleeper sofas, ottomans and benches. Marquis specializes in producing custom furniture in the commercial world. Marquis is headquartered in High Point, N.C. Find out more information about Marquis by going online at www.marquisseating.com or by calling 336.475.8200.

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