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### Construction Firms Merge to Provide Nationwide Construction Solutions

Grand Rapids, MI – (April 27, 2009) Wolverine Building Group, a Grand Rapids based construction company, is pleased to announced it has hired Michael J. Houseman to lead its Wolverine North America division. Houseman plans to merge his Walker-based company, Houseman Construction, with Wolverine Building Group, a firm with complementary goals and principles.

The merger is effective immediately. Houseman's company will be identified under the name of Wolverine North America, a fourth division of Wolverine Building Group launched in 2005 in response to needs of clients to build outside of the local West Michigan area.

Houseman Construction, established in 1998, has developed a national presence completing work in eleven different states in the last two years and opening an office in Phoenix Arizona in 2007. Their focus has been on developing relationships with customers that have special construction needs on multiple sites across the country; while Wolverine Building Group, celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, provides construction services to many diverse markets throughout Michigan with exceptional expertise in Industrial, Office, Medical, and Multi-Family projects.

Wolverine Building Group welcomes the Houseman Construction team as an exciting opportunity to expand business nationally. According to Mike Houseman, "The merger will allow our building group to meet the growing demand for our specialized delivery system. We use the latest technology in communication and building to deliver our construction contracts in unprecedented time and quality while keeping our customers uniquely informed of the progress of their project without the customer having to make multiple site visits. The demand for our services has grown due to large national corporations reducing their staff without reducing their need to develop multiple sites across the country. This merger will provide the necessary personnel and infrastructure to support further expansion nationally. Our combined effort will significantly increase the list of repeat customers that we proudly serve."

Wolverine Building Group is co-owned by Mike Kelly and Richard VanderZyden and employs approximately 100 employees in West Michigan. Mike Houseman will serve as President of Wolverine North America. Approximately 30 current employees of Houseman Construction will transfer with Mr. Houseman to support the out of state supervision needs of the company.

Wolverine North America's specialty is building for repeat customers on multiple sites all across the country. Wolverine North America will operate out of the Wolverine Building Group Headquarters located in Kentwood, as well as the office opened by Houseman in Phoenix, Arizona.

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