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HD Supply Facilities Maintenance and Greystar Launch Innovative New Green Operational Efficiency Program

Companies also to Work with Arbor Day Foundation to Plant Trees

SAN DIEGO – APRIL 30, 2013 – Leading MRO provider HD Supply Facilities Maintenance and Greystar Real Estate Partners today announced the launch of a new program to promote sustainability and help the environment by planting thousands of trees.

HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, a leading supplier of maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) products to the multifamily industry teamed with Greystar, the largest operator of apartments in the United States, to design the program to encourage communities to consolidate multiple small orders through a more efficient process of ordering and delivering maintenance supplies.

“HD Supply Facilities Maintenance is committed to reducing our impact on the environment and providing our customers with solutions to help save money and resources and meet their sustainability goals,” said Evan Matzen, sustainability manager for HD Supply Facilities Maintenance. “Greystar’s commitment to sustainability and their openness to new ideas helped turn our vision for this program into a reality.”

“This innovative program is designed to encourage communities to meet a minimum order size for its maintenance products throughout the year.” said Matzen. “Increasing order size allows HD Supply Facilities Maintenance to make fewer deliveries, consolidate packaging, increase efficiencies and reduce fuel consumption and emissions. Overall this reduces the environmental impact of regular business operations. This, in turn, helps communities lower labor and receiving costs.”

Working with the Arbor Day Foundation, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance will donate trees each time a Greystar order meets the minimum size threshold. HD Supply Facilities Maintenance anticipates planting at least 7,500 new trees during the first twelve months of the program.

“As part of our commitment to sustainability, Greystar is constantly exploring simple ways for our communities to make more environmentally friendly choices,” said DeeAnne McClenahan, senior director of Procurement and Sustainability for Greystar. “By making small changes to our purchasing patterns through this program not only will we lessen our environmental impact, but we will be reinvesting in our environment through the planting of new trees.”

“This initiative is a great addition to our already robust ideallygreenSM program at HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, which among other things includes a line of environmentally preferable products for our customers,” added Matzen. “And we’re exceptionally proud to be a part of the tree planting that can help to reduce pollution and aid the fight against climate change.”

This joint initiative launches in May 2013 for participating communities managed by Greystar.

About HD Supply Facilities Maintenance

HD Supply Facilities Maintenance (hdsupplysolutions.com) is a leading supplier of maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) products to owners and managers of multifamily, hospitality, educational and commercial properties; healthcare providers; and municipal and government facilities. HD Supply Facilities Maintenance has 40 distribution centers, a fleet of more than 700 delivery vehicles and 27,000 items in stock and is a business of HD Supply (hdsupply.com), one of the largest industrial distributors in North America.

About Greystar

Greystar Real Estate Partners is a fully integrated multifamily company offering expertise in property management, development and investment throughout the United States. Headquartered in Charleston, SC., Greystar is the largest operator of apartments in the United States and manages approximately 200,000 units in 100+ markets with over 5,000 team members. Greystar was founded by Bob Faith in 1993 with the intent to become a provider of world-class services in the multifamily real estate business. Greystar's innovative business model integrates the management, development and investment disciplines of the multifamily industry. To learn more about Greystar, visit www.Greystar.com.

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