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HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS ACQUIRES D&M FABRICATION, INC.

-- HD Supply's market-leading waterworks business makes bolt-on acquisition of a leading fire protection fabricator --

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – March 31, 2008 – HD Supply Waterworks, an HD Supply business that distributes a complete line of water, sewer, fire protection and storm drain products to serve the needs of contractors and municipalities in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection markets, today announced it has finalized the purchase of D&M Fabrication, Inc. D&M Fabrication, Inc., located in Lodi, Calif., specializes in fabricating fire protection systems for distributors and contractors, who design, sell and/or install systems for end users. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

“D&M Fabrication has an exceptional, best-in-class reputation for high-quality fabricated fire protection systems and has been a partner of HD Supply Waterworks for nearly a decade,” said HD Supply Waterworks Regional Vice President, Chuck Reed. “This acquisition is extremely important for us because it will solidify our ability to provide value-added services to our customers through fabrication capabilities in Northern California.”

The purchase of D&M Fabrication, Inc. further strengthens HD Supply Waterworks' market-leading position in an important region with strong market growth trends. The bolt-on acquisition also supports HD Supply's acquisitive long-term growth strategy and value creation goals.

D&M Fabrication, Inc. currently operates a warehouse facility in Northern California. The business will be fully integrated into the HD Supply Waterworks business and will begin operating under the HD Supply Fire Protection brand continuing to provide fabrication services to existing customers.

About HD Supply Waterworks

HD Supply Waterworks is the nation's leader in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection industries. The business distributes a complete line of water, sewer, fire protection and storm drain products, integral to building, repairing and maintaining water and wastewater systems that are part of the basic municipal infrastructure required to support population and economic growth and residential and commercial construction. It currently operates more than 260 branches in 41 states.

About HD Supply

HD Supply (www.hdsupply.com) is a leading wholesale distribution company, providing a broad range of products and services to professional customers in the infrastructure & energy, maintenance, repair & improvement and specialty construction markets. With a diverse portfolio of market-leading businesses, HD Supply is one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in North America, with approximately 1,000 locations.

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