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TAYLOR MADE GROUP, LLC ANNOUNCES SALE OF THE COMPANY TO LIPPERT COMPONENTS, INC.

GLOVERSVILLE, New York — Jan. 26, 2018 — Taylor Made Group, LLC (“Taylor Made”) has finalized the sale of the company to Lippert Components, Inc., a supplier of components for the leading original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) of recreational vehicles (“RVs”) and adjacent industries and the related aftermarkets of those industries. Headquartered in Gloversville, New York, Taylor Made is one of the recreational marine industry’s largest, most diversified suppliers to boat builders and the aftermarket, as well as a key supplier to a host of other industrial end markets. Taylor Made operates out of 10 facilities, including two in Europe.

“This is a very exciting time for our people, customers, and partners as the business enters the next phase in the growth of the company. Over the past 110 years, we have grown the business to include facilities in the U.S., Ireland, and the U.K. and employ over 1,100 people worldwide. With this transaction we are positioning the company for continued long-term, sustained growth,” said Jim Taylor, owner of the Taylor Made Group. “I also thank my friend and colleague Dennis Flint for putting his heart and soul into the success of our enterprise over the last 23 years,” added Taylor.

“Taylor Made is very excited to join with Lippert — a combination that brings together leading brands, manufacturing expertise, and global capabilities unparalleled in the industry. We will work together to bring increased value and innovation to Lippert’s and Taylor Made’s mutual associates, team members, customers, and consumers. Jason Pajonk-Taylor will lead Taylor Made under the new ownership and work with the Lippert team to ensure a smooth transition into their business,” said Dennis Flint, Chairman and CEO of Taylor Made.

“Together, as one company, Lippert and Taylor Made will have more resources to fully serve our respective associates and customers. We will work with the Lippert teams to leverage the synergies in the businesses and take advantage of all of the growth opportunities that come from the combination of two industry leaders. Again, an exciting time for our business, and we are all looking forward to the opportunity that this will present to our people, customers, and partners,” said Jason Pajonk-Taylor, President of Taylor Made.

Nelson A. Taylor started Taylor Made in 1908 as a canvas business. From its very inception, it was his vision for the company to take an aggressive stance on product development — unveiling many uniquely creative and original canvas offerings. Then in 1946, upon the founder’s passing, his son Bill Taylor was named company president. It was from this point forward and under Bill’s leadership that Taylor Made began to grow and expand rapidly. The business directives initiated a century ago by Nelson A. Taylor have been carried on by the next generation of Taylors — Jim Taylor and John Taylor — as well as the current president of Taylor Made Group, Jason Pajonk-Taylor, and many other long-time, committed executives and associates.

From the introduction of the first wraparound acrylic windshield for motorboats in 1951; to the first curved, tempered safety glass windshield; to manufacturing the first vinyl fenders “guaranteed for the life of your boat;” to countless advancements in glass bending, stainless steel processing, and other technologies that have defined the modern era of boat windshield design; Taylor Made has been a leader in addressing the unique challenges of the marine market. Over the last decade, Taylor Made has brought their engineering, design, and manufacturing expertise to the Industrial and Off-Road recreational markets, with rapid growth in both of these segments. Over this time, they have developed a strong list of customers including many of the leading UTV, construction, and agricultural equipment brands in the U.S. and worldwide.

“We thank the generations of people who have worked with us and the communities we are a part of, for all their support over these years. Thank you to our customers and partners for all of the great work we have accomplished together. I know that you will be in great hands going forward and expect continued growth and success for all of our associates, customers, and partners,” said both Jim and John Taylor, owners of the Taylor Made Group.

About Taylor Made Group, LLC

Headquartered in Gloversville, N.Y., Taylor Made Group, LLC operates facilities in the United States, the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom — with additional licensed

affiliates in Australia, New Zealand, and Poland. In business for over 100 years, Taylor Made Group is one of the recreational marine industry's leading and most diversified suppliers. Additionally, Taylor Made Group provides products to numerous other industries, including the agriculture, construction, powersports, mass transit, emergency, utility, golf, automotive industries and more. Employing over 1,100 associates, Taylor Made Group distributes its products through a worldwide distribution network.

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