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Press Release

HDI Railing Systems Appointed PBA North American Distributor

HDI to Market PBA Barrier Free Products in North America

COLUMBIA, PA — April, 2010 — HDI Railing Systems announced today a partnership with PBA S.p.A of Italy. Using HDI's experience with and network of architects and designers, HDI will market and sell the PBA barrier free product line throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The PBA product line includes Fixed Safety Bars, Lift-up Safety Bars, Shower Rails, Seats and Transfer Benches, and Bathroom Accessories. Eleven standard colors are available in pastels, black, white, off-white and more vibrant options. The products are manufactured in AISI 316L stainless steel and Polyamide 6 thermoplastic resin.

"PBA's barrier free line offers architects the beauty of high Italian design in products for everyday use in barrier free and assisted environments," said Kevin Downs, President of HDI.

Made from Hardest, Most Resilient and Elastic Materials

Polyamide 6 nylon has a high mechanical resistance and is virtually indestructible to usual impact, tensile and bending stress, and has exceptional resistance to wear and tear and abrasion. The material has been tested by UL (Underwriter's Laboratory) to have demonstrated high thermal resistance and does not burn easily, is flame retardant, and has a self-extinguishing category UL 94 V-2. It has insulating power and resistance to electrical currents and protection against electrical shock; it does not cause electrostatic charges nor attract dust. Testing results and declaration of conformity are available upon request.

It is resistant to weathering and withstands numerous chemical agents such as solvents, detergents, disinfectants or caustics. The nylon is produced without heavy metal or derivatives and free of cadmium, lead, mercury, selenium and their derivatives.

"Safety bars are made of modular elements for ease of installation and the highest combination of options; they are made of extruded seamless nylon and reinforced with aluminum core specially

engineered for extra strength with molded nylon bends with all inner parts of anticorrosive coating,” said Linda Savoie, Director of Sales for HDI. “The rails and grab bars are made of a seamless nylon tube reinforced with a high-strength rust proof aluminum core.”

The Programma 400-NY product range has been tested and certified to meet the extremes of performance and resistance to mechanical stress. The non-porous polyamide resin surface and the absence of micro-splitting ensure that it is hygienic, not requiring insulation or grounding.

“PBA’s products are distributed in more than 50 countries. For specific markets like the U.S., we establish a collaboration with reliable local partners fulfilling our aim to be more responsive to our clients’ needs,” said Tommaso Marchiaro of PBA. “And HDI greatly fills that gap for the North American market.”

Environmentally Friendly, LEED and Building Code Qualifications

The product is fully recyclable and can be recycled or eliminated with urban refuse. The PBA assistive hardware products are eco-friendly and are superior in providing materials for new products when reprocessed in a closed-loop cycle. PBA products can help interior projects in obtaining points and fulfilling requirements toward becoming LEED certified in Credit 4 Recycled content and Credit 5 Regional Materials. Verify LEED credit eligibility with a certified LEED AP.

All PBA products have undergone rigorous performance tests for durability, safety and usability. They meet IBC (International Building Code), IRC (International Residential Code) and U.S. ADA (American with Disabilities Act) guidelines for barrier free products. Additional information on the product may be found on the company’s web site.

HDI and PBA Company Information

Established in 2002, HDI Railing Systems is a leading provider of pre-engineered modular and ornamental railing systems used in commercial and residential applications, frequently specified for hospitals, airports, corporate offices, hotels, universities, libraries and museums. The company offers a wide range of stainless steel railings and related products including door hardware and barrier free products. HDI received the Highest Quality Rating for the railing category featured in Architect magazine in the January 2009 issue.

PBA, founded in 1976, has their complete production cycle located in a 135,000 square foot plant near Venice, Italy. Housed in this facility is the control over raw material, production technology and manpower qualifications. PBA manufactures and distributes a full line of door handles, pull bars, lockable pulls and glass door latches.

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