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Shaw Announces Close of Trenton Facility

Dalton, Ga. – October 9, 2008 – In response to decreased market demand for certain flooring products, Shaw Industries Group, Inc. will close Plant 76, a spun yarn facility in Trenton, GA. The closing impacts about 440 employees and plant production will cease around the second or third week of November.

According to Hal Long, executive vice president of operations, the company is experiencing over-capacity in certain segments of the business. “The widely-publicized downturn in the housing market has caused consumer demand to fluctuate and shift. Changing customer preferences in the market necessitate that the company respond to emerging purchasing trends and decrease its production in areas experiencing significant declines,” he says.

As the company transitions out of this facility, Shaw will work diligently to place Trenton employees at other Shaw locations, and will partner with the Georgia Department of Labor on-site to provide one-on-one sessions to counsel, explain benefits, and provide out-placement and retraining. In addition, Shaw will organize job fairs with regional employers to help identify future career opportunities for affected employees that do not shift to other Shaw plants.

“On behalf of the entire Shaw Industries family, I want to thank the employees of the Trenton plant and the surrounding community for your years of dedicated support and service,” says Long. “We are extremely proud of our Trenton associates and want to assure them that this decision does not come lightly. Many key public officials have been outspoken in their support of Shaw’s presence in Trenton. City and County officials have worked very hard to help us maintain our operations. I especially want to thank Georgia State Senator Jeff Mullis and Peter Cervelli, Chair of the Dade Industrial Authority, for all their tireless efforts on behalf of the Trenton facility.”

About Shaw

Shaw Industries Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is the world’s largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floor covering provider with \$5 billion in annual sales and approximately 30,000 associates. Headquartered in Dalton, Ga., the company manufactures and distributes carpeting, rugs, hardwood, laminate and ceramic tile for residential and commercial applications worldwide. A recognized leader in environmental stewardship, Shaw has implemented hundreds of sustainability initiatives and cradle to cradle design solutions, collectively termed the Shaw Green Edge. For more information, visit www.shawfloors.com.