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ACQUISITION OF SOUTHERN MILL CREEK PRODUCTS OF OHIO, INC.

Cleveland, Ohio (June 17, 2005) – Austin Capital Partners, L.P, in partnership with Thomas E. Evans, acquired Southern Mill Creek Products of Ohio, Inc. (“SMCP”). Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, SMCP is a leading distributor of pest control products and equipment. SMCP has 12 sales outlet locations in Cleveland (OH), Columbus (OH), Cincinnati (OH), Pittsburgh (PA), Indianapolis (IN), Chicago (IL), Brooklyn (NY), St. Louis (MO), Southfield (MI), Fairfield (NJ), Tampa (FL), and Plantation (FL). Tom Evans and R. Douglas Ashbridge will continue to serve as SMCP’s Chief Executive Officer and President, respectively. William E. Conway, a General Partner of Austin Capital Partners, L.P. and the Chairman of Fairmount Minerals, Ltd., will serve as SMCP’s non-executive Chairman.

Austin Capital Partners, L.P is a private investment firm that makes equity investments in middle market companies in the Midwest.

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