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**TMT AMERICA ACQUIRES HPS NORTH AMERICA**

**TMT's Thomas Trissl Taking an Active Part in Expanding HPS's Efforts with Schönox**

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TMT America, Inc. (TMT) has acquired a majority interest in HPS North America, Inc. (HPS). The transaction is effective September 16<sup>th</sup>, with HPS becoming an operating subsidiary of TMT. The corporate offices for both TMT America and HPS will remain in Florence, AL. TMT will provide operational, marketing, and consulting services as well as investments to accelerate HPS's distribution and brand development growth throughout North America.

TMT is led by Thomas Trissl, the founder and former President of Centiva. Trissl sold Centiva to Tarkett in November 2010 in an agreement that had him continuing to work with Centiva through April of this year. "HPS is a venture with so much potential given its strong association with Schönox and the hard working team at the company," commented Trissl. "The technology and innovation levels in the Schönox products are turning heads across the country and changing the way people are doing subfloor projects." TMT is coordinating even stronger ties with Schönox, the German manufacturer of primers, repair mortars, floor leveling compounds, and adhesives that HPS is making available now across North America.

"We are excited about the addition of TMT and Thomas Trissl to our depth of resources here at HPS," remarked Enos Farnsworth, president of HPS North America, Inc. "Thomas's experience in working with floor installers, developing flooring products, and growing entrepreneurial ventures will be an asset for us at HPS, but also to our customer base." Trissl founded Centiva in 1996 with the idea to produce LVT flooring in the US when conventional thinking had manufacturing moving overseas. Over the years Centiva developed new production technologies and award winning flooring designs using the highest levels of environmentally responsible manufacturing techniques.

Early signs of the TMT association with HPS are hard to miss at HPS's corporate office in Florence. A renovation of the facility is underway with special emphasis placed on significantly expanding the amount of Schönox product that can be efficiently warehoused and shipped. "We were one of the first distributors to incorporate Schönox into our operations based on the clear performance advantages of the product," commented Steve Hagen, president of HiLine Unique Flooring in Minneapolis, MN. "Adding TMT and Thomas Trissl to the HPS equation will enhance our opportunities and further support our customers."

**About HPS Schönox**

HPS North America, Inc. has partnered with Schönox® to bring a complete assortment of products to North America including primers, repair mortars, floor leveling compounds, and adhesives for installing all types of floor coverings. The trademark Schönox®, with its unique problem solvers and product systems is created for professional craftsmen. If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with Enos Farnsworth, please call Crystal Hinds at 205-344-2720 or email her at chinds@hpsubfloors.com. Our corporate office is located at: 515 Wilhite Street, Florence, AL 35630. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

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**About TMT America**

TMT America is a privately held investing and consulting company that develops joint ventures and takes equity positions within entrepreneurial enterprises in a wide range of product and operational areas. Founded in 2012 by Thomas Trissl, TMT works with companies from start up to product maturity with special emphasis placed on finding the right markets and distribution channels for new products as well as strategic alliances for growing companies. If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with Thomas Trissl, please email Dina Beattie with TMT at [dbeattie@tmtamerica.com](mailto:dbeattie@tmtamerica.com).