

## **Masonite Announces Acquisition of Birchwood Best**

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**Tampa, FL, November 11, 2011** – Masonite Corporation (the "Company") today announced that it has completed the acquisition of Birchwood Best ("Birchwood"), headquartered in Birchwood, WI on November 1, 2011. Birchwood is one of North America's largest producers of commercial/architectural wood flush door skins; as well as a significant producer of hardwood plywood. Birchwood's operations were founded in 1904 in Birchwood, WI.

Birchwood employs approximately 240 people, with one facility in Birchwood, WI, and a smaller location in Thorp, WI. Birchwood's 2010 revenue exceeded \$40 million. No other financial details of the acquisition have been disclosed.

"The acquisition of Birchwood enhances our position as a leader in the manufacturing and distribution of components for residential, commercial and architectural wood doors," said Fred Lynch, Masonite's President and CEO. "We are excited about the capabilities this acquisition adds to Masonite."

"Birchwood's facilities in Wisconsin are a natural complement to Masonite's existing commercial and architectural businesses," said Cody Wickersheim, Vice President of Birchwood. "We look forward to joining the Masonite team and to the exciting new possibilities this creates for our customers."

Mr. Wickersheim, a 16-year Birchwood veteran, will join Masonite and lead the integration effort.

This press release is available on the Company's website [www.masonite.com](http://www.masonite.com).

### **About Masonite**

Masonite International Corporation, the parent of Masonite Corporation, ("Masonite") is a leading global manufacturer of residential and commercial doors, committed to providing the highest value building products to customers in approximately 70 countries around the world.

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