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## **PrimeSource Building Products, Inc. Purchases Assets of Compass International, Inc. Deal adds MARKER® and DARTS® lines to Pro-Twist Family**

**Carrollton, TX, September 10, 2008** — PrimeSource Building Products, Inc., the country's largest full-service wholesale distributor of building materials and purveyor of construction fasteners worldwide, is purchasing the assets of Compass International, Inc., originator, marketer, and distributor of the well-known MARKER and DARTS fasteners. Compass International is headquartered in Anaheim, California with additional offices in Chicago, Houston, and Atlanta.

"PrimeSource is very pleased with this acquisition as it allows us to expand our already robust product offerings and consolidate them under the Pro-Twist brand. This deal will afford easy distribution of all current Compass International's products through our local PrimeSource distribution centers located from coast-to-coast," says Ken Fishbein, Co-Chief Executive Officer of PrimeSource. "PrimeSource's number one mission is to provide our customers with the market's broadest selection of quality building products. The acquisition of Compass International continues our tradition of giving our customers more choice and easier access to the industry's best products."

Compass International's MARKER family includes drywall, sheet metal, wood, cement, and multipurpose screws, as well as steel building fasteners and driver accessories. Other Compass brands include DARTS self-drilling screws, DECKMARK™ deck fasteners, and TAPMARK™ concrete accessories. The brand recognition associated with Markers and Darts will continue in conjunction with the Pro-Twist brand.

Fishbein says customers of both PrimeSource and Compass International products should expect normal business operations to continue throughout the course of the transaction. Existing Compass Customers will soon be able to purchase items from the Grip-Rite family of products along with their usual orders. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

### **About Compass International**

Compass International is a major supplier of drywall screws and other construction fasteners from locations in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and Atlanta. The company's products are known by the MARKER, DARTS, DECKMARK and TAPMARK brands.



**About PrimeSource Building Products, Inc.**

With 37 distribution centers throughout the USA and Canada and more than 1,100 employees, PrimeSource is the largest purveyor of fasteners in the world and one of the largest distributors of building products in North America. PrimeSource is the exclusive source for Grip-Rite® and Pro-Twist® brands which include nails, screws and collated fasteners, tools, compressors, winter protection products, fencing, house wrap, and more. The company also distributes a wide range of building materials including such items as gypsum, insulation, roofing, and rebar. For more information please visit [www.primesourcebp.com](http://www.primesourcebp.com) or call (972) 417-3701.

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