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FURNITURE BRANDS APPOINTS MIKE HEATH AS PRESIDENT OF PEARSON COMPANY

St. Louis, Missouri, April 3, 2008 — Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN) today announced that Mike Heath has been named President of The Pearson Company, replacing Sam Boyd who will retire in April.

“Mike has over 27 years experience in the furniture industry in the Lane and Pearson organizations,” said Daniel R. Bradley, president of Furniture Brands’ Designer Brand Group. “He has held various positions in Finance, Sales and Marketing and most recently served as Director of Marketing and Regional Sales Manager. Mike has exceptional product and broad business knowledge of the Pearson operation which will be invaluable to him in his new position.

“I am excited to offer Mike this role and expect that he will build on the foundation that Sam has built at Pearson. I believe Mike is the leader that will grow the Pearson brand promise in the design community and with our consumers,” Mr. Bradley said.

“Sam has set a high standard as president of The Pearson Company for the past 17 years. He has done an outstanding job of maintaining the brand image and insuring that the Pearson legacy of high quality upholstery, combined with personalized service to the dealers, has remained an integral part of the business. Pearson has consistently performed very well under Sam’s leadership and he has worked diligently to develop a staff that is prepared and capable of maintaining that continuity. Sam has made incredible contributions in his 38 years of service with Furniture Brands and we all wish Sam well in his retirement,” stated Mr. Heath.

About Furniture Brands

Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN) is a vertically integrated operating company that is one of the nation’s leading designers, manufacturers, and retailers of home furnishings. With annual sales of approximately \$2 billion, it markets through a wide range of retail channels, from mass merchant stores to single-brand and independent dealers to specialized interior designers. Furniture Brands serves its customers through some of the best known and most respected brands in the furniture industry, including *Broyhill, Lane, Thomasville, and Drexel Heritage*. *The company’s Designer Brands Group includes Henredon, Pearson, Hickory Chair, Laneventure, and Maitland-Smith and serves the professional interior design community.*