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FURNITURE BRANDS ANNOUNCES THE THOMASVILLE PROMISE

Furniture industry's first program to help consumers with potential job loss

St. Louis, Missouri, April 30, 2009 -- Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN) announced today The Thomasville Promise, the industry's first program to offer security in the face of what many consider the worst that can happen: involuntary job loss. The Thomasville Promise provides up to six months of payments on the Thomasville credit card should the consumer experience an involuntary job loss within one year of purchase.

"The Thomasville Promise lets us provide not only a beautiful home to our retail customers, but peace of mind in these troubling economic times," said Ralph P. Scozzafava, Furniture Brands' chairman and chief executive officer. "Thomasville is a great brand with a 105-year history. The Thomasville Promise is our way of doing what we have always done: creating beautiful rooms and giving people an extra bit of confidence.

"The Thomasville Promise also makes good business sense. Confident consumers fuel traffic and volume for our dealers and it further reinforces that Thomasville is committed to driving its own recovery during these challenging times," Mr. Scozzafava said.

The Thomasville Promise is available at all participating Thomasville Stores beginning April 30, 2009 on qualifying purchases made on the Thomasville credit card. Additional terms and conditions for The Thomasville Promise may be found at www.thomasville.com/promise.

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. 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, Drexel Heritage, Henredon, Pearson, Hickory Chair, Laneventure, and Maitland-Smith*.