



MMI PRODUCTS, INC.

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### **OLDCASTLE BUILDING PRODUCTS ACQUIRES MMI PRODUCTS**

**HOUSTON, Texas, April 26, 2006 – MMI Products, Inc.** (“MMI”, the “Company”) today announced that stockholders of its parent company, Merchants Metals Holding Company, have agreed to sell their interests to Oldcastle Building Products, Inc., the North American operation of CRH plc (“CRH”). CRH is a leading worldwide producer and distributor of building products and construction materials, with 2005 sales of over \$17 billion. MMI will become the foundation of a fifth product group for CRH’s Americas Products & Distribution Division.

Concurrently with the closing of the transaction, MMI’s revolving credit facility will be repaid and its senior subordinated notes will be called for redemption. The closing of the transaction is expected to occur by the end of the week.

Commenting on the transaction, John Piecuch, president and CEO of MMI, said, “This transaction not only accomplishes the financial restructuring that has been a key objective of the Company, but also provides a wonderful opportunity for the future growth of the various MMI businesses and for the personal development of its employees. The Company’s improved financial position should enable MMI to continue to expand its product and geographic profile and to provide an even better value proposition for its various customer constituents.”

MMI is a leading manufacturer and distributor of products used in the North American public infrastructure, nonresidential and residential construction industries with established leading market positions in each of two reporting segments, Concrete Construction Products and Fence. The Concrete Construction Products segment consists of various classes of welded wire reinforcement, that serve as a structural grid for concrete construction used in building, road, bridge, and sewage and drainage projects, and PC strand, which is used in pre-tensioned and post-tensioned concrete construction. In addition, the Concrete Construction Products segment produces over 2,000 types of hardware accessories used in concrete construction activity, including precast, tilt-up and masonry applications; products used to position and install steel reinforcing bar; and welded steel reinforcing products. Products in the Fence segment include all types of galvanized and vinyl-coated chain-link fence fabric, ornamental fencing, fittings, and other related products which are manufactured and distributed by the Company, as well as wood, vinyl and aluminum fence, pipe, tubing, access control equipment and other products that are primarily manufactured by third parties and distributed by the Company.

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