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Milgard® Essence™ Series Wood Windows Recognized with Industry Award

TACOMA, Wash. (September 7, 2011) - The new Milgard Essence Series wood windows have been awarded a Crystal Achievement Award as the most innovative window by a large manufacturer. The Crystal Achievement Award program from Window & Door Magazine, a publication of the National Glass Association, honors significant innovations and achievements in window and door technology, manufacturing, and marketing. Each year's award winners are featured in the magazine's September issue.

"We are honored that the many hours of research and development we devoted to Essence Series have been recognized with this award," said Jim Sheehan, Product Manager for Milgard. "Essence Series offers everything the industry has been waiting for in a wood window, and we couldn't be happier with the final product."

Designed to meet the expectations of the wood window market, Essence Series combines the warmth and architectural beauty of natural, solid wood on the interior with the strength and durability of fiberglass on the exterior. This exceptional durability is why Milgard can offer something you won't find with other wood windows: a Full Lifetime Warranty with Glass Breakage Coverage that includes parts and labor.

Taking a "no compromise" approach to design that extends beyond good looks, Milgard engineered Essence Series to meet ENERGY STAR® qualifications without any upgrades. The line also features the Milgard SmartTouch™ lock, which helped Essence Series become the first wood window to earn the Ease-of-Use Commendation from the Arthritis Foundation.

About Milgard Windows & Doors

Milgard Windows & Doors, a Masco company based in Tacoma, Wash., offers a full line of wood, aluminum, vinyl and fiberglass windows and patio doors for builders, dealers and homeowners, all backed by a Full Lifetime Warranty, including parts and labor. The company has been recognized for manufacturing the nation's highest quality vinyl windows six times in a yearly survey sponsored by Hanley-Wood Inc., publishers of Builder magazine. Milgard has approximately 3,800 dealer locations nationwide. For more information, visit milgard.com or call 1.800.MILGARD.

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