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OBERER THOMPSON COMPANIES OFFICIALLY BEGINS OPERATIONS, PARTNERS WITH GOLD KEY HOMES ON AREA'S LARGEST DESIGN CENTER

Dayton, OH, January 5, 2004 — Oberer Commercial Construction, Ltd. and Greater Dayton Construction Group, Inc. have officially joined forces to create Oberer Thompson Companies.

This newly formed company will offer businesses and consumers services in remodeling, fire restoration and commercial construction. By uniting, the once separate entities, now hold one of the Miami Valley's most complete portfolios of residential and commercial real estate and construction services. Oberer Thompson Companies initially expects to see \$25 million in annual sales and projects their annual sales to exceed \$40 million within five to seven years.

"I believe the creation of Oberer Thompson Companies is a win-win endeavor," Greg Thompson, president and CEO of Oberer Thompson Companies. "This joint venture allows us to take full advantage of each company's experience and resources without having to start from scratch. For customers, Oberer Thompson Companies will be able to partner with the affiliate network of Oberer Companies to offer additional services. For example, Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling, An Oberer Thompson Company can now offer lending services through Horizon Mortgage Company, Inc."

Another significant service to customers, currently in the planning stages, is the announcement that Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling, An Oberer Thompson Company and Gold Key Homes, part of the Oberer Companies affiliate network, are partnering on the development of a new, 12,000 square foot design center to be located at Home Center Plaza in Washington Township. The first of its kind in the Dayton market, the design center will include kitchen and bath vignettes as well as product displays for a wide variety of items including cabinets, countertops, light fixtures, flooring and doors. Customers building with Gold Key Homes or employing Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling, An Oberer Thompson Company, will be able to visit the design center, view product displays and make selections with the assistance of the design center's staff. The design center is slated to begin serving the customers of both companies later this year.

"We are very excited about our plans for the design center," said George Oberer, Jr., CEO over the affiliate network of Oberer Companies. "Whether a customer is building or remodeling a home, I believe the design center will enhance their experience. One of the most exciting stages in either process is the personalization of your home through selections. The design center will provide customers the opportunity to see and touch the possibilities available to them, and design center staff will be on hand to provide expert advice, in a welcoming and professional environment."

Oberer Thompson Companies officially began operations on January 1, 2004. The existing management teams from both companies will remain in their current positions. Later this month, former Oberer Commercial Construction, Ltd. staff members will be moving to the Oberer Thompson Companies corporate offices at Research Park in Beavercreek. Oberer Companies headquarters will remain on East River Road in Moraine.

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