



HOMESHIELD Opens Facility in Dubuque, Iowa

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HOUSTON, May 4, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX), an industry-leading manufacturer of value-added engineered materials and components for the Vehicular Products and Building Products markets, announced today that its HOMESHIELD operation recently began production at a 40,000 square foot facility in Dubuque, IA. As part of the Company's Engineered Products Division, HOMESHIELD -- Dubuque is currently manufacturing window and door screens for a large OEM customer.

"With Quanex's continued focus on organic growth, we were able to strategically locate close to our customer to minimize freight and provide enhanced response and service," said Jim Gulliford, President of HOMESHIELD. "Within the year, we will add wood window grilles to our value-added production and just-in-time delivery."

Headquartered in Chatsworth, Illinois, Engineered Products' HOMESHIELD operation is a vertically integrated producer of both standard and custom window components such as frames, grilles, spacers, and screens.

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Quanex is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NX. For further information, visit the Company's website at www.quanex.com.

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