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PORTA-NAILS, INC. RECEIVES ISO 9001 REGISTRATION

Porta-Nails, Inc. (PNI), manufacturer of the Porta-Nailer and Portamatic wood flooring system, was recently awarded 9001 registration from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The ISO is an international agency that consists of approximately 100 member countries. The ISO works to promote the development of standards, testing and certification to encourage the trade of quality products and services around the world.

The ISO 9001 is a model used by organizations to certify their quality management system from initial design and development of a product or service through production, installation and servicing. A quality management system refers to the activities that are carried out by an organization to satisfy the quality-related expectations of its customers. To ensure that an effective quality management system is in place, customers or regulatory agencies may insist that an organization conforms to one of five ISO 9000 quality system models.

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PNI spent two years planning and preparing for the ISO 9001 registration. Every aspect of their operation was evaluated and they documented procedures of their quality management system. Once their system was implemented and they were able to document its effectiveness, PNI submitted to a third party audit by an accredited registrar. The registrar was responsible for reviewing PNI's operation and confirming that their quality system had been implemented, including verification that all employees involved follow the established documented procedures. Following the audit, PNI was awarded with their certificate of compliance, the ISO 9001.

According to PNI's President and CEO, Jerry D. Coleman, Jr., "Our efforts to achieve ISO 9001 registration is the single most important objective we have undertaken." The benefits of the ISO 9001 registration include: better operations control; cost savings due to improved productivity; improved employee morale; improved customer relations; improved access to international markets; and improved products and services with organization-wide emphasis on quality. "Our quality management system," continued Coleman, "is our plan for exceeding our customers' expectations – it is simply 'good business' and will help us in maintaining our status as an industry leader in service, responsiveness, and value to our customers."

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Originators of the Porta-Nailer and Portamatic wood flooring system, PNI is a renowned manufacturer of tools used in the tongue and groove wood flooring industry and by woodworkers. Named after its flagship product, the Porta-Nailer, PNI has grown into a diversified provider of quality woodworking tools. Currently, PNI produces a variety of products for the wood flooring, Do-It-Yourself and woodworking industries, as well as provides contract manufacturing services. For further information on PNI and their products and services, visit their website at or call 1-800-634-9281.

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