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**Martin Designs Inc. signs lease for new offices & distribution center in Ashland.**

**Ashland, OH, October 10, 2006:**

Martin Designs Inc. is pleased to announce the recent signing of leases with local firm Baker-Ashland Ltd. for the construction of offices and a distribution center on Westlake Drive in Ashland.

Initially, Martin Designs will occupy 10,000 square feet of custom-designed office space which will house its executive offices, product design, sales, finance, marketing, sourcing and administrative departments. Martin Designs will also lease an adjoining distribution center which initially will be 100,000 square feet.

The offices and distribution center are anticipated to be completed in 2 phases, one by the end of 2006, and the other in early 2007. Alan Glazer, Chairman of Martin Designs said "We are pleased to be working directly with Jerry Baker, the President of Baker-Ashland Ltd. on this project. The expansion of our facilities has been possible, due in part to the cooperation of the City of Ashland and the Ashland Area Council for Economic Development". He noted that Martin Designs benefited from the input and guidance of Mr. Evan Scurti, the AACED Group's Director.

The new building will enable Martin Designs to bring together, under one roof, two operations which are currently located in Ashland and Mansfield.

"This move will improve our efficiencies and allow us to better serve customers in the future, and to bring all our employees together in one facility" noted Mr. Glazer. Martin Designs was founded in 2000 and has grown rapidly as a design-led value marketer of stationery and other consumer products to large retail chains. Customers include Ohio-based retailers Discount Drug Mart and Joann's Fabrics, and national retail chains such as Target, CVS, Wal-Mart, and Meijer.

In recent months, the company has added a Vice President of Marketing & Merchandising, a Vice President of Sales, four National Accounts Sales Managers, and others to its Ashland-based staff. The company is implementing its strategic plan to significantly increase its sales of stationery, and a wide range of similarly-priced products, to retailers and consumers in 2007 and beyond.

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