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<u>American Woodmark Addresses Importance of Kitchen Designer Training</u> <u>At Kitchen and Bath Industry's Top Networking Forum</u>

Ian Sole, American Woodmark's Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, To Speak At 3rd Annual Manufacturer's Breakfast at K/BIS 2005

LAS VEGAS, May 10, 2005 – Ian Sole, senior vice president, sales and marketing, American Woodmark Corporation is a featured speaker at the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) third annual Manufacturer Representatives/Manufacturers Networking Breakfast on Thursday, May 12, 2005, held during K/BIS 2005. This dynamic annual event is designed to provide an interactive forum where industry and manufacturer representatives meet to discuss the latest trends and products, develop contacts, and create business partnerships.

Developed by the Manufacturer and Manufacturer Representative Advisory Councils of NKBA, this event enables manufacturers to meet qualified, professional independent representatives who are interested in representing their company, as well as allowing for interaction with fellow NKBA professionals who are looking to grow their businesses.

This event takes place at the Las Vegas Convention Center on Thursday, May 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. This year, Mr. Sole has been invited to give a presentation on the importance of kitchen and bath designer education and training, an industry issue with which American Woodmark is acutely concerned.

"As leading cabinet manufacturers to the kitchen and bath industry, we have an obligation to our industry to remain committed to the education and training of future kitchen and bath design professionals," says Mr. Sole. "Creative people with fresh ideas on how to construct and utilize space in kitchens and baths can only have a positive impact on our business."

Today, the kitchen and bath industry is experiencing exponential growth. According to the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA), over 107 consecutive months of growth have been recorded. These figures, when combined with the simple fact that the kitchen has become the most important room in the home with cabinetry its most important component, show strong growth potential for this industry.

As a leading kitchen and bath cabinet manufacturer in the United States, American Woodmark understands the value of trained kitchen and bath designers and recognizes the need for top notch certified kitchen and bath designer training programs to support the growth of the industry nationwide.

About American Woodmark Corporation

American Woodmark Corporation, located in Winchester, Va., is the third largest manufacturer of kitchen and bath cabinets in the United States and Canada. Offering more than 230 cabinet lines in a wide variety of designs, materials and finishes, American Woodmark products are sold through a network of dealers and distributors and directly to home centers and major home builders. The Company, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, currently operates 15 manufacturing facilities in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as various service centers across the country. American Woodmark shares are traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "AMWD." To find out more about American Woodmark, and view its vast array of cabinet styles, visit its Web site at <u>www.americanwoodmark.com</u>.

About the NKBA

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade association that has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry since 1963. With more than 24,000 members and growing, NKBA owns the world's largest trade show and industry event. The mission of NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence by promoting professionalism and ethical business practices, and providing leadership and direction for the kitchen and bathroom industry. For more information, please visit the NKBA Press Room at <u>www.nkba.org/press</u>.

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