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**DURKAN, THE MOHAWK GROUP RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL STANDARDS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANUFACTURING**

***Commercial Carpet Manufacturer Now ISO-14001:2004 Certified for All Manufacturing Facilities***

**MARIETTA, Ga., Nov. 9, 2010** – Strengthening its leadership in the design and development of sustainable, high-performance carpeting, [The Mohawk Group](#) announced that its Durkan manufacturing facility – home to the company’s hospitality brand and located in Dalton, Ga. – has achieved [ISO-14001:2004](#) certification, the environmental management system standard of the [International Organization for Standardization](#). This achievement is a noteworthy milestone for The Mohawk Group and its four brands, including Durkan, Karastan, Lees and Bigelow, as all of the company’s commercial manufacturing facilities are now certified according to this important environmental standard.

“The ISO-14001:2004 is a coveted mark of distinction that sets us apart in today’s marketplace as a true leader in sustainable manufacturing,” said Steve Riebe, vice president of commercial manufacturing for The Mohawk Group. “Achieving this certification – for our Dalton plant and all of our facilities – took a significant amount of time, effort and resources, and we’re proud of the environmentally responsible procedures, practices and policies that we have put in place. It will result in continuous, positive, environmental impact not only for our company, but also for our customers, for years to come.”

Durkan received ISO-14001:2004 certification specifically for its exceptional management of environmental risks associated with painting, coating, tufting and waste water treatment, and boiler air emissions using stain resistant nylon, polypropylene and latex coating for commercial carpet and home rug manufacturing.

Repeatedly recognized by the International Organization for Standardization – the world’s leading developer of international standards, making transparent the requirements for state-of-the-art products, services, processes, materials and systems, and for good conformity assessment, managerial and organizational practice – for its exceptional manufacturing processes, The Mohawk Group was the largest in its industry to receive ISO-9001:2000 quality management certification for all its commercial manufacturing facilities in 2008.

### **About The Mohawk Group**

*A leading commercial carpet manufacturer, [The Mohawk Group](#) – including [Karastan](#), [Lees](#), [Bigelow](#) and [Durkan](#) – produces award-winning broadloom, modular and custom carpeting for every installation. Providing superior performance, cutting-edge style and revolutionary innovation, The Mohawk Group is a pioneer in the design of sustainable carpeting and continues to drive environmentally sound practices inside and outside of its facilities. For additional information, look for The Mohawk Group at [www.themohawkgroup.com](http://www.themohawkgroup.com) or call (800) 554-6637.*

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