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## **Ruskin Announces Partnership with EPA's ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Program**

### ***Commitment to protect the environment through continual improvement***

**(Kansas City, MO)** – As part of its ongoing commitment to protect the environment, Ruskin is pleased to announce it is an ENERGY STAR Partner. This voluntary partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency represents Ruskin's promise to develop HVAC products that improve energy efficiency and fight global warming.

"Becoming an ENERGY STAR partner is more than symbolic," said Tom Edwards, Ruskin President. "It requires a long-term commitment in both people and financial resources. And while the requirements to be a partner are extensive, the end result of preserving the environment for future generations is worth it."

#### **In partnership with ENERGY STAR, Ruskin will:**

- Measure and track the energy performance of its organization's facilities where possible by using tools such as those offered through ENERGY STAR;
- Develop and implement a plan consistent with the ENERGY STAR Energy Management Guidelines to achieve energy savings;
- Help spread the word about the importance of energy efficiency to its staff and community;
- Support the ENERGY STAR Challenge, a national call-to-action to help improve the energy efficiency of America's commercial and industrial buildings by 10 percent or more;
- Highlight its achievements with recognition offered through ENERGY STAR.

"ENERGY STAR partners such as Ruskin are leading the fight against global warming by improving the efficiency of their buildings and facilities," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnership Division. "We applaud these efforts to help protect our global environment for generations to come."

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ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products, new homes, and commercial and industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2007, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about \$16 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 27 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES.

### **About Ruskin**

Celebrating 50 years of service, Ruskin is one of the largest and most innovative manufacturers of air and sound control products for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) market. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, Ruskin has 21 production and office locations worldwide and more than 3,300 employees. Ruskin is also the leader in dampers for tunnel ventilation, process applications and wastewater treatment facilities throughout the world. Ruskin was acquired in 1990 by Tomkins PLC, (NYSE: TKS), a global industrial manufacturing company. For more information, visit [www.ruskin.com](http://www.ruskin.com).

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