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Kohl's Recognized for High-Performance Green Buildings

Kohl's earns EPA's ENERGY STAR® for 110 additional stores and becomes first specialty department store to earn Silver-level LEED initial certification of new store prototype

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis., April 29, 2009 – Kohl's Department Stores (NYSE: KSS) announced today that 110 additional Kohl's stores earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR label, a nationally recognized symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. This brings the company's total number of ENERGY STAR-labeled stores to 219.

The company also announced that its new store prototype, first used in the construction of Kohl's fall 2008 new, ground-up stores, received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) initial certification at the Silver level by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Kohl's is the first specialty department store to receive this green building stamp of approval on its new store prototype. LEED is the USGBC's rating system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy-efficient and high-performing buildings that also make good economic sense.

"Operating practices that are good for the environment are also good for business, our customers and our associates," said Ken Bonning, Kohl's executive vice president of store planning and logistics. "Through environmentally responsible practices and initiatives, such as energy management and green building design, we reduce operating costs and create a comfortable shopping and work environment. As we grow and bring new stores to communities nationwide, we will continue to challenge ourselves to set high standards for the environmental performance of our buildings and operations."

Kohl's Makes ENERGY STAR History Again

Kohl's reached its first ENERGY STAR milestone in July 2008 when the company's first 50 stores received the label. This marked the largest grouping of non-supermarket retail stores to receive the label in ENERGY STAR history.

According to EPA, commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR rate in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy performance, use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and release 35 percent less carbon dioxide. In total, Kohl's energy management efforts have prevented greenhouse gas emissions equal to the electricity use from 37,675 households for a year. Features of Kohl's ENERGY STAR-labeled stores include centralized energy management systems, occupancy sensor lighting and high-efficiency lighting, heating and cooling systems.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to preserving our environment and our natural resources," said Kathleen Hogan, director of EPA's Climate Protection Partnership Division. "From office buildings to hotels, schools to stores, the ENERGY STAR distinguishes those organizations who are taking environmental responsibility into their own hands."

LEED-ing the Way in Green Building Certification

In addition to initial certification of Kohl's new store prototype at the Silver level, the USGBC certified two Kohl's stores at the Silver level and one store at the Certified level that were built according to the new prototype. These three stores are Kohl's first to earn LEED certification. Sixty additional stores constructed using the new store prototype are expected to receive certification in the coming months.

"Kohl's LEED accomplishments demonstrate tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, president, CEO and founding chair, U.S. Green Building Council. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Kohl's serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish."

Characteristics of Kohl's LEED new store prototype and stores constructed according to it include on-site recycling, water-efficient landscaping, regionally sourced building materials and construction activity pollution prevention. These environmentally responsible characteristics play a key role in helping Kohl's reduce waste, reduce emissions and conserve resources.

About Kohl's Department Stores

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's (NYSE: KSS) is a family-focused, value-oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced, exclusive and national brand apparel, shoes, accessories, beauty and home products in an exciting shopping environment. By the end of April, Kohl's will operate 1,022 stores in 49 states. A company committed to the communities it serves, Kohl's has raised more than \$126 million for children's initiatives nationwide through its Kohl's Cares for Kids® philanthropic program, which operates under Kohl's Cares, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. For a list of store locations and information, or for the added convenience of shopping online, visit www.kohls.com.

About ENERGY STAR®

ENERGY STAR® was introduced by the U.S. EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased 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 2008, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about \$19 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 29 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR visit www.energystar.gov.

About the United States Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization whose vision is a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. Since USGBC's founding in 1993, the Council has grown to more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, a comprehensive family of LEED® green building rating systems, an expansive educational offering, the industry's popular Greenbuild International Conference and Expo (www.greenbuildexpo.org), and a network of 78 local chapters, affiliates, and organizing groups. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org.

About LEED®

The LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a feature-oriented rating system that awards buildings points for satisfying specified green building criteria. The six major environmental categories of review include: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation Design. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned within each LEED category. LEED can be applied to all building types including new construction, commercial interiors, core & shell developments, existing buildings, homes, neighborhood developments, schools and retail facilities. LEED for Healthcare is currently under development and is expected to be released in late 2009.



Incentives for LEED are available at the state and local level and LEED has also been adopted nationwide by federal agencies, state and local governments, and interested private companies. For more information, visit www.usgbc.org/LEED.

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