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Woodmeister Master Builders Hires Chief Sustainability Officer

(Holden) Woodmeister Master Builders hired Daniel Paquette as Chief Sustainability Officer. Retained by Woodmeister Master Builders as a Sustainability Consultant for various projects, Dan joined the company on January 5, 2009 as a full time employee. Dan Paquette has been a pioneer in sustainable construction for over 36 years. His private consulting firm is actively engaged in “green” consulting work throughout New England on sustainable projects, environmentally responsible building guideline implementation and educational initiatives.

Throughout his career he has been involved in the design, development and construction of energy efficient and environmentally responsible buildings. The Design/Build firm he founded is credited with the design and construction of the first underground house in Rhode Island. He also pioneered the early concepts of super insulation and passive and active solar design throughout the region and installed several of the first geo-thermal systems. He planned and developed the first cluster sub-division in Middletown, RI and was an early implementer of creatively planned and architecturally controlled projects. He has extensive historic preservation credentials and was in charge of several significant historic preservation projects in Rhode Island; Trinity Church c.1725 and The Brick Market Building c. 1762. He received the distinguished leadership award from the New England Chapter of APA for his work on the RI Land Use Commission in 1989 and was on the Executive Committee of the RI Building Code Standards Committee for ten years.

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For the past decade, Dan’s passion for responsible land use has led him to planning and overseeing large-scale environmentally sensitive residential projects internationally – and preserving more than 5,000 acres of open space, 25 miles of river and ocean front, and numerous wildlife habitats. One recent project is the design of a 56 lot “Green” neighborhood at the Greenbrier Sporting Club project in West Virginia, which will be the first truly sustainable upscale community in the Mid-Atlantic States

Of Dan’s many achievements, he is also the present chairman of the Rhode Island Builders Association Green Building sub-committee. He has lectured widely on a range of master planning and construction topics throughout the northeast and has taught energy efficient design courses. He recently obtained the Certified Green Professional (CGP) designation from the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) and holds memberships in the Urban Land Institute (ULI), US Green Building Council (USGBC), where he is currently on the advisory board of the Rhode Island Chapter and the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

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Woodmeister Master Builders, founded in 1980, is headquartered in Holden and has branch offices in Nantucket, Massachusetts and Newport, Rhode Island. In 2008, the company was named as one of the *Boston Globe’s Top 100 Places to Work* and in 2007 the company was named Corporate Citizen of the Year by the *Worcester Business Journal*.

Additional awards include Gold P.R.I.S. M. Awards for “Best Bathroom Remodel” and for “Best Remodel/Restoration (over \$500,000) in 2007, and a Silver P.R.I.S.M. Award for “Best Single Family Home (3-4,000 sq ft) in 2007. In 2005, the company was named one of the top 50 best builders to work for by *Professional Builder Magazine*. Woodmeister has also been featured twice on the PBS series *This Old House* in 1998 and 2002, and was spotlighted as a kitchen and bath specialist on *HGTV* in 2001. In 1996 the firm was named “Residential Cabinetmaker of the Year” in 1996 by *Cabinetmaker Magazine*.

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