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**New England's Woodmeister Master Builders
Lands Woodworking Contract for
Elegant English Country Estate in U.K.**

*Award-winning Massachusetts builder delivers transcontinental
craftsmanship for new 73-room estate in Southwest England*

Boston, Nantucket, Newport, New York, London, — July 13, 2010, [Woodmeister Master Builders](#) (New England-based, award-winning provider of fine residential construction, custom cabinetry and interiors), today announced it has signed a multi-million dollar contract to serve as one of the companies commissioned for the construction of a grand new 22,000 ft sq. country home at the heart of a historic 920 acre property, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, in southwest England.

“Discriminating clients who desire the finest workmanship available are now taking a global perspective in planning and building their dream houses,” said Ted Goodnow, co-founder and CEO of Woodmeister Master Builders. “Our reputation for excellence is growing beyond North America, and this exciting new opportunity with the Ewhurst project is a testament to our ability to bring Woodmeister craftsmanship to Britain, Europe, and beyond.”

Expanding its 30-year tradition of award-winning custom woodworking throughout New England, this is the first engagement of Woodmeister Master Builders in the United Kingdom.

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This commission illustrates the growing worldwide market for fine craftsmanship, custom millwork services and materials, in which favorable currency exchange rates and client demand enabled an American builder to compete and win a coveted project in Britain-- more than 3,200 miles from its headquarters near Worcester, Mass. USA.

Woodmeister was brought into the UK project by **Seldom Scene Interiors, Inc.** (an international interior design firm based in Nantucket, MA and Stowe, Vermont). Working closely with the interior designers, British architect (**ADAM Architecture** – <http://www.adamarchitecture.com/>) and local contractor/builder (**Holloway White Allom Ltd.**, <http://www.hollowaywhiteallom.co.uk>), Woodmeister's experts are already "on the job" on both sides of the Atlantic, engineering, manufacturing and installing the elegant millwork that will grace all 73 interior rooms of the house.

A Woodmeister team is currently onsite in the U.K., calculating initial field dimensioning and wall blocking to determine the sizing and material specifications for the interiors of the new residence. Based on these measurements, skilled cabinetmakers in Woodmeister's state-of-the-art shop in Massachusetts will manufacture the woodwork--including specialty factory finishes and detailing of standing and running trim, mouldings, cabinetry, and other components. The project is scheduled to be completed in June, 2011.

Thereafter, the custom cabinetry and millwork will be transferred to 3-4 climate-controlled containers, shipped eastward across the Atlantic, with the first shipment arriving in October. Two Woodmeister master craftsmen will live onsite in Britain for six months starting in January 2011 to oversee the installation of the millwork by a team of local English joiners and stoneworkers. "Beyond being part of the creation of an extraordinary new country estate, we're looking forward to working closely with the local artisans; sharing techniques and experiences with one another from both American and British traditions," said Kevin Greene, VP Millwork, Woodmeister Master Builders.

In addition to furnishing all the elements of a classic English country escape, the new house at will offer all the amenities of modern luxury combined with special accommodations for the residents' lifestyle and personal interests. These include a unique children's bedroom with a built-in rock climbing wall, games room, greenhouse, professional-quality gourmet kitchen featuring a pizza oven, state-of-the-art wine cellar, and a movie theatre to entertain and amuse family and visitors.

Described by Britain's leading newspaper (The Daily Telegraph) as "the dream of a city boy –

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seeking that coveted quintessential English estate,” the property’s historic legacy buildings include five cottages, a private chapel, stables and farm buildings; as well as a swimming pool, a large lake and trout run, and an established shoot. The grounds and gardens feature acres of arable farming land, magnificent landscaped lawns bordered by majestic beeches and other hardwoods, as well as terraced and walled gardens that are rumored to have been originally laid out by a pupil of Capability Brown, the preeminent Eighteenth- century English landscape architect.

About Woodmeister Master Builders

Founded in 1980 as a two-man custom cabinetry and millwork shop, Woodmeister Master Builders today employs 140 people (125 in Massachusetts) and has sales of over \$40 million. In addition to receiving the Globe 100’s Top Places to Work honor in 2008 and 2009, the company was named a 2009 Top Small Workplace by *The Wall Street Journal* and Winning Workplaces, a non-profit organization that helps small and mid-size companies improve their workplace practices. Woodmeister encompasses the entire scope of fine home construction and renovation projects, custom cabinetry and interiors, and comprehensive lifestyle management services. The firm is based in Holden, Massachusetts and has satellite offices in Nantucket, Newport, RI, and New York City. www.woodmeister.com

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