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Grand Opening of New "Solar Office" in California

Union City, California, February 22/PRNewswire/ -- On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, Schüco, the world's foremost maker of energy-efficient building envelopes, opens its first sales and training center on the West Coast. Union City, California will soon be synonymous with innovative solar power equipment and systems. Under its overarching concept "Energy² – Saving energy and generating energy", Schüco supplies optimal solutions for all parts of the building envelope, blending superb quality, perfect design, and highly advanced technology. Today, by combining building-integrated photovoltaic, solar thermal and geothermal systems, Schüco is already creating buildings that produce more power than they use.

The key to producing emission-free energy, the future clearly belongs to solar thermal and photovoltaic technology. Setting up a sales and training center on the West Coast is thus an event of national importance – and not just for the company. Dirk U. Hindrichs, CEO of Schüco International KG of Bielefeld, Germany, will be on hand for the grand opening, where he will be reporting on the latest trends as well as his company's future plans in the US. Rhone Resch, President of the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA), will also be there to present his organization's initiatives and activities.

Schüco partners and solar power professionals will see a significant sampling of the company's latest products, providing them with an overview of the possibilities and prospects of state-of-the-art solar technology. As well as benefiting from outstanding economic efficiency and special government sponsorship, Schüco products invariably stand for technical perfection, outstanding safety, and maximum architectural freedom. The event begins at 10 o'clock.

Schüco USA's German parent company, Schüco International KG, is a global player with 4,700 employees and fifty years' experience in aluminum, steel, vinyl window, and solar power systems. Schüco develops and produces building envelopes and integrated solar technology for all types of buildings, from private homes to skyscrapers. Always on the cutting edge, the company will begin producing highly efficient thin-film technology for innovative photovoltaic modules starting in mid 2008.

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