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**BOCA RATON, FLORIDA - April 24, 2012** - Q.E.P. Co., Inc. is pleased to announce that their Harris Wood operation has gained accreditation as a "Made in USA" brand. Harris Wood will be proudly displaying the classic red, white and blue Made in USA Brand Certification Mark on all visuals associated with the brand moving forward.

The Made in USA Brand Certification Mark is a brand enhancer that sends a powerful message to conscious consumers who see the advantages of purchasing products that are made in the USA. Since its inception in 2009, the Made in USA Brand Certification Mark has gained widespread acceptance. The number of accredited companies to use the mark to identify their American made products and services has grown to more than 850.

The Made in USA Brand Certification Mark is the only registered certification mark for labeling and identifying goods made or grown in the United States. The certification mark is available for any U.S. business that meets the accreditation standards found at [www.MadeInUSABrand.com](http://www.MadeInUSABrand.com).

Founded in 1898 in Johnson City, TN, Harris Wood is one of the oldest hardwood flooring companies in the United States of America. Manufacturing quality hardwood flooring with a commitment to superior materials and precise craftsmanship has been a commitment Harris Wood has made to its customers for over 114 years. Today, Harris Wood offers hardwood flooring in an array of colors, finishes, widths and textures across multiple wood species. As a full-line, American-owned, domestic hardwood flooring manufacturer, Harris is proud to continue the tradition of excellence on which it was

founded.

"We're honored to be counted among the companies that have earned the right to use the certification mark," said Jamie Clingan, Sr. VP Marketing. Clingan continued "We're convinced this will be good for our business and good for our neighbors, because when people buy American made products, they create jobs for America's workers."

Q.E.P. Co., Inc., founded in 1979, is a leading worldwide manufacturer, marketer and distributor of a comprehensive line of hardwood flooring, flooring installation tools, adhesives and flooring related products targeted for the professional installer as well as the do-it-yourselfer. Under brand names including QEP® ROBERTS®, Capitol®, Harris® Wood, Vitrex®, PRCI®, BRUTUS® and Elastiment®, the Company markets over 3,000 flooring and flooring related products. In addition to a complete hardwood flooring line, Q.E.P. products are used primarily for surface preparation and installation of wood, laminate, ceramic tile, carpet and vinyl flooring. The Company sells its products to home improvement retail centers and specialty distribution outlets in 50 states and in over 80 countries throughout the world.