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Wheatland Offers ENERGY STAR Certification

Home builder makes a commitment to build every home to the higher ENERGY STAR® standards

Lancaster, Pa. – Wheatland Custom Homes is committed to building every home to the ENERGY STAR® standards. A new home that has earned the ENERGY STAR® qualification meets the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) strict guidelines for energy efficiency.

"We have always built our homes with energy conservation in mind," stated Rick Martin, president of Wheatland Custom Homes. "This summer Wheatland decided to take our energy efficient homes one step further and actually certify that they meet the nationally recognized ENERGY STAR® standards."

Wheatland has completed one ENERGY STAR® qualified home already, with another one currently under construction. Benefits of owning an ENERGY STAR® qualified home include:

- **Lower Utility Bills** – The energy-efficient features in an ENERGY STAR® qualified home save homeowners money every month.
- **Comfort and Quiet** – The energy efficient features of these homes keep out excessive heat, cold and noise and ensure consistent temperatures throughout the home – making these homes more comfortable to live in.
- **Lower Maintenance** – Longer-lasting, efficient equipment make the homes more durable, preventing a lot of maintenance headaches.
- **Healthier Indoor Air** – Tight construction and proper ventilation work together to keep dust, pollen and pests out of the home.
- **Protect the Environment** – ENERGY STAR® qualified homes reduce our nation's energy needs and prevent air pollution by consuming less energy.

With energy costs rising and expected to significantly increase with the expiration of electric rate caps by the end of 2010, Martin knows that conserving energy is on everyone's mind. "Homebuyers can expect to save between \$200 and \$400 annually by living in one of our ENERGY STAR® qualified homes."

The ENERGY STAR® performance of each home is certified and tested by an independent third-party inspector. This goes above and beyond normal code inspection process that is currently required of every home. "This extra step goes a long way to reassuring our customers of our commitment to build every home an ENERGY STAR® qualified home," stated Martin.

About Wheatland Custom Homes

Founded in 1994, Wheatland Custom Homes is a home builder and remodeler based in Lancaster, Pa. Wheatland has won a multitude of awards from both the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County and the Home Builders Association of Metro Harrisburg for their Parade of Homes entries over the years, including the prestigious Fulton Award in 2000. Wheatland is dedicated to building ENERGY STAR® qualified homes in the Lancaster, Lebanon, Dillsburg and Harrisburg areas.

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