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OFM Finances Solar Farm at N.C. Headquarters, Goes Carbon Neutral in 2010

Company to install photovoltaic system to generate more electricity than it uses

Holly Springs, N.C. – OFM, one of the nation’s leading office and school furniture manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers, is financing a new project that will help make its headquarters completely carbon neutral. In advance of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, OFM announced today that it would be installing a 250-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on the roof of its main building in Holly Springs, N.C. The power generated each month through the solar farm will then be sold to Progress Energy.

"Today, customers want to know they are working with businesses that are environmentally responsible," said Abel Zalberg, founder and CEO of OFM. "We already do everything we can to make sure that our products are environmentally friendly, but we haven't been able to say that about the energy we use at our headquarters until now."

For the project, engineers will mount 1,042 solar panels on the rooftop of OFM’s headquarters in Holly Springs before the end of the year. The photovoltaic system will generate 322,500 kilowatts of electricity per year and the energy will be sold to Progress Energy. Through this agreement, OFM’s headquarters will be certifiably carbon neutral as it will be generating more energy than it uses.

Although solar panels are becoming more common on top of larger commercial buildings, it is still unusual for mid-sized businesses like OFM to install them due to the upfront costs. Zalberg says his company wanted to generate clean energy and that eventually the solar farm could help power OFM’s day-to-day operations both at its main offices and warehouse.

“We made the decision to install the solar farm because it made sense from an environmental as well as a business perspective,” adds Zalberg. “We hope other small businesses, especially in the furniture manufacturing industry, follow our lead.”

OFM plans to complete the solar farm project by the end of 2010.

About OFM, Inc.

Founded in 1995, OFM is one of the nation's leading office and school furniture manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers with headquarters in Holly Springs, N.C. and operations in Phoenix, Ariz., and Taiwan. OFM contracts with manufacturers in Mexico, Taiwan and China to design furniture and products that meet the highest industry standards. It specializes in providing affordable, quality furniture through a dealer network to businesses, government offices, health care and educational facilities. OFM products are sold through a variety of retailers, mail-order catalogs and online dealers including Officefurniture.com, Corporate Express, and National Business Furniture. To learn more, visit: <http://www.ofminc.com>