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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Leading Cabinet  
Manufacturer Will Bring Several Hundred New Jobs To New  
Mexico

*Merillat and Masco break ground on 350,000 square foot  
manufacturing facility in Los Morros Business Park*

**LOS LUNAS- Governor Bill Richardson today joined Alan Barry, Masco Corporation President and Chief Operating Officer for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 350,000 square foot cabinet manufacturing facility that will be located in Los Morros Business Park in Los Lunas, New Mexico. The plant will create an estimated 700 jobs and pump millions of dollars into the local and state economy.**

“This plant is bringing high-wage manufacturing jobs, economic growth and opportunity to Valencia County,” stated Governor Bill Richardson. “This is another clear indication that our plan to move New Mexico forward is working.”

Merillat’s decision to locate the plant in New Mexico was based on the quality of available workforce, economic development incentives, and logistics compatibility in relation to product distribution (specifically the commuter rail project). Manufacturing operations for cabinet production are scheduled for January 2007. The jobs they will be hiring for include; production line workers, clerical and administrative staff, and managers and supervisors, all wages will be competitive with the average county wage.

“This new facility accommodates the growth of our cabinet business,” said Alan Barry, Masco Corporation President and Chief Operating Officer. “We are delighted to be locating our plant in such a business-friendly environment and look forward to being a good corporate citizen.”

“With a capital investment of \$67 million from Merillat, Valencia County is in a position to be one of the local economic driving forces here in New Mexico” stated New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans. “We welcome Merillat with open arms.”

“Merillat is a perfect example of the success we have had in recruiting new businesses to New Mexico,” said Jim Colson, President and CEO of the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership. “Our incentive package which includes; Job Training incentives, High-wage Jobs Tax Credit, Rural Jobs Tax Credit, and the Manufacturing Jobs Tax Credit have been the key to our success.”

**Merillat Industries, LLC (a Masco Company):** Based in Adrian, Mich., Merillat Industries, LLC, (a Masco Company) has been providing quality cabinetry since 1946. With nine manufacturing plants located throughout the United States (Adrian, MI; Jackson, OH; Culpeper, Atkins and Mt. Jackson, VA; Rapid City, SD; Las Vegas, NV, and Ocala, FL.), Merillat has grown to become one of the nation’s largest cabinet manufacturers and the number one builder preferred cabinet. Merillat offers the best selection of stylish, quality products at a variety of price levels. Merillat is leading the industry in consumer research to better understand what new home shoppers are looking for when purchasing a home. Merillat is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of the National Association of Home Builders, Women’s Council, member of the Color Marketing Institute and National Kitchen and Bath Association.