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**PRELCO GROUP ANNOUNCES THE ACQUISITION OF
ONTARIO COMPANY BECLAWAT MANUFACTURING INC.**

April 7, 2005. Prelco Group today acquired all of the capital stock of Beclawat Manufacturing Inc.

Beclawat is an industry leader in the design and manufacture of high-tech performance window and door products for the marine, offshore, railway and mass transit industries, among others. The company is located in Belleville, Ontario, and has thirty (30) employees.

Speaking about the transaction, Roël Buck, the seller shareholder, said that: "After a long and profitable customer/supplier relationship, it is very natural that this outcome happens and it will certainly ensure Beclawat's growth and continued success."

Prelco Group, whose head office is located in Rivière-du-Loup, is the leading manufacturer of architectural and transportation safety glass in Canada and the northeastern United States. With the acquisition of Beclawat, Prelco now has five (5) manufacturing plants in Québec, Ontario and New Brunswick. In announcing the transaction to employees, Prelco's Chief Executive Officer Jean-François Hamel said that Beclawat's activities complement those of Prelco Group perfectly and that the acquisition fits into the company's business strategy to offer a complete product solution for large vehicle manufacturing. Custom doors and windows for trains, boats and ships can now be supplied along with windshields for pleasure boats and ATVs and glass products for buses.

Beclawat will continue to operate out of its current plant and all employees will remain in service. Moreover, Prelco shareholders are counting on future synergies between the two companies to generate major sales growth.

Beclawat's principal administrative managers are: Shayne Switzer, General Manager, and Sandra Sykes, Controller.

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