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Andes International opens High Point distribution center

HIGH POINT, NC –Andes International, a furniture manufacturer known for its unique hand finishing processes, has opened a distribution center at 1914 Alleghany St.

The company makes furniture for bedrooms, home offices, dining rooms, and living rooms at its factory in Chile. Fernando Urquiza, a Chilean native who serves as president, moved the company's headquarters to California earlier this year.

For 21 years, the company has shown its products at the High Point Market, the world's largest home furnishings exhibition. The company's showroom for the High Point Market is in D-745 of the International Home Furnishings Center.

"We proudly participate in the High Point Market, and we had a distribution center in High Point until eight years ago," said Urquiza. "Then we decided to try distributing all of our furniture in the United States from a California facility. We realize now that High Point is where we need to be in order to easily and economically distribute our products across the eastern half of the US."

The company created two positions to staff the new High Point distribution center and anticipates hiring additional employees.

"The company's hand-finished furniture is impressive," said Loren Hill, president of the High Point Economic Development Corp. "We are pleased to welcome their new distribution facility to our city's business community."

About Andes International, Inc.

www.andesinternational.com

- The company was founded in 1991 in Chile. The upper management was based at the factory in Santiago, concentrating on the development of manufacturing capabilities that upheld the demanding ideas of quality, beauty, and fine construction.
- By 1998, the factory moved to a newly-built location of 70,000 square feet, equipped with state of the art machinery. However, Andes maintained the crafted quality and look by keeping the same craftsmen and the hand finishing processes.
- Earlier this year Andes International moved its corporate offices to the Los Angeles area in Rolling Hills Estates, CA. Fernando, President and CEO, is based there and heads the US operations. The new US management team advances its main goals: to maintain a higher standard in furniture production and design, and to strive to develop and expand a supportive customer service policy. Continued efforts such as these make Andes attractive in quality of product and superior in personalized attention to each buyer.

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