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Continental announces 2009 On-premise Laundry Distributor of the Year awards

Oshkosh, Wis. – Darling Sales and Service, in Blaine, Minn., recently received Continental Girbau's 2009 On-premise Laundry Distributor of the Year award, an honor recognizing distributors for exceptional on-premise laundry product, sales, service and support. Simultaneously, Sparkle Solutions of Concord, Ontario, received Continental's Canadian Distributor of the Year award for distribution excellence in both the on-premise and coin laundry markets.

- Darling Sales and Service has been a consistent winner of the award. The company delivers high-quality laundry equipment and services to hotels, spas, health clubs, self-service laundries, nursing homes, fire departments and more. A full-service distributorship, Darling Sales and Service houses a large parts department and highly trained technical service staff. The company works closely with customers to improve on-premise laundry productivity and efficiency through assistance with financial planning and selection of advanced laundry equipment to slash utilities and energy consumption.

"Darling's presence and outstanding service reputation were key to growing business during a tough 2009," said Continental President Mike Floyd. "The fact that the company rarely loses a relationship with customers made it even stronger in 2009. "

- Sparkle Solutions serves the on-premise and vended laundry markets by providing expertise on vended laundry development and on-premise laundry productivity. They serve the vended-laundry market by working closely with investors to locate, design and equip new stores.

The company also delivers quality services and equipment to help existing laundries cut utility costs and maximize profit through expertise on energy conservation and technical services. Sparkle Solutions also specializes in distributing, managing and servicing laundry equipment to on-premise facilities such as hotels, retirement homes, apartments, dormitories and other large-scale facilities.

The company's growth and success are the result of a well-run, customer-oriented company, according to Floyd. "Sparkle Solutions has an extraordinary understanding of their market, which help them exceed expectations during 2009. Their diversification into several market segments produced balanced, strong results in a difficult economic year," said Floyd.

To discover more about Continental's top on-premise laundry equipment distributors, call/visit Darling Sales and Service at 763-786-1803 or www.darlingsales.com; or Sparkle Solutions at 866-660-2282 or www.sparklesolutions.ca. For more information about Continental laundry equipment, visit www.continentalgirbau.com or call 800-256-1073.

Continental Girbau Inc. is the largest of nine subsidiaries of Girbau S.A., based in Vic, Spain. Girbau S.A. laundry products – marketed throughout 80 countries worldwide – meet rigorous environmental and safety standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Girbau S.A. holds both ISO9001 and ISO14001 certifications. Ever focused on laundry efficiency, Continental Girbau is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.