

# **News Release**

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PENTAIR CHOSEN AS THE HOME DEPOT CANADA'S PLUMBING "PARTNER OF THE YEAR"

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**DELAVAN, Wis. – December 22, 2011** — Pentair® (NYSE:PNR) announced today that it has been chosen by The Home Depot Canada as their 2011 Partner of the Year for the Plumbing category.

The Home Depot Canada chose Pentair as Partner of the Year from 55 other Plumbing category vendors, based on superior performance in delivery, customer service, innovation, and value. According to Dara Greenberg, Home Depot Divisional Merchant, "Pentair consistenty shows support for our sales-driving initiatives, and comes to us first with any opportunities to drive the business forward". "We couldn't be prouder of the award, or of our long-term partnership with The Home Depot Canada," says Pentair National Account Manager Diane Erdman. "We work hard to be the most desired provider for The Home Depot Canada, and this recognition tells us we're hitting the mark," Erdman added.

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Pentair has made a name for itself through its ability to react quickly to customer needs during flooding emergencies. Utilizing flexible manufacturing and warehousing strategies, Pentair can quickly fulfill emergency pump orders, often well within 24 hours. Says Erdman, "Home owners and DIY'ers need flooding solutions immediately, not when the emergency is over. Our ability to ship these pumps to our high-volume partners, such as The Home Depot Canada, is really what sets us apart in this industry." Greenberg agrees, adding, "Pentair has demonstrated ongoing partnership and quick response time...(t)heir reaction time during seasonal flooding and hurricanes is unparalleled." Under the brand Flotec®, Pentair manufactures Sump, Sewage, Jet, and Utility pumps for Home Depot's network of over 180 stores in Canada, and online at www.homedepot.ca.

### About Pentair, Inc.

Pentair (<a href="www.pentair.com">www.pentair.com</a>) is a global diversified industrial company headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Its Water Group is a global leader in providing innovative products and systems used worldwide in the movement, treatment, storage and enjoyment of water. Pentair's Technical Products Group is a leader in the global enclosures and thermal management markets, designing and manufacturing thermal management products and standard, modified, and custom enclosures that protect

sensitive electronics and the people that use them. With 2010 revenues of \$3 billion, Pentair employs approximately 15,000 people worldwide.

# **About The Home Depot**

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,247 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces, Mexico and China. In fiscal 2010, The Home Depot had sales of \$68.0 billion and earnings from continuing operations of \$3.3 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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