

D.R. HORTON, INC. ANNOUNCES WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION AS ITS 2004 MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

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FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- D.R. Horton, Inc. (NYSE: DHI) Thursday (January 6, 2005), announced that its "2004 Manufacturer of the Year" award was presented to Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR). Don Tomnitz, President and Chief Executive Officer for D.R. Horton, Inc., said, "The Company is very pleased to honor Whirlpool as its '2004 Manufacturer of the Year.' Whirlpool has consistently worked to increase its share of D.R. Horton's business since 1998 by providing quality products, delivering excellent service and offering competitive pricing. We are very pleased with the relationship we have built together."

Dale Garwood, National Director, Contract National Accounts for Whirlpool Corporation, commented, "Whirlpool is honored and very appreciative to be recognized as D.R. Horton's '2004 Manufacturer of the Year.' On behalf of all employees from Whirlpool, we thank D.R. Horton for this recognition and the opportunity to mutually serve the D.R. Horton operating divisions and their homeowners with our brands. We love how our relationship has developed and look forward to the exciting growth ahead. We will continue to earn our business, one home at a time."

D.R. Horton, Inc., America's Builder, is the largest homebuilder in the United States, delivering more than 43,000 homes in its fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. Founded in 1978 in Fort Worth, Texas, D.R. Horton has expanded its presence to include 63 markets in 21 states in the Midwest, Mid- Atlantic, Southeast, Southwest and Western regions of the United States. The Company is engaged in the construction and sale of high quality homes with sales prices ranging from \$80,000 to over \$900,000. D.R. Horton also provides mortgage financing and title services for homebuyers through its mortgage and title subsidiaries.

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