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**HD Supply Waterworks Agrees to Acquire RAMSCO**

*HD Supply's industry-leading waterworks business signs agreement to expand footprint in the Northeast region.*

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. – April 11, 2011** – HD Supply Waterworks, an HD Supply business that distributes a complete line of water, sewer, fire protection and storm drain products to serve the needs of contractors and municipalities in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection markets, today announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to purchase Rexford-Albany Municipal Supply Company (RAMSCO). Headquartered in Watervliet, New York, RAMSCO is a full-line waterworks distributor specializing in water, sanitary and storm sewer materials and services.

“RAMSCO has an exceptional, best-in-class reputation for providing high-quality water, sanitary and storm sewer materials and services to municipalities and contractors,” said HD Supply Waterworks Regional Vice President, Jack Schaller. “This acquisition is extremely important for us because it will solidify our ability to provide value-added services to our customers in the Northeast region.”

The purchase of RAMSCO further strengthens HD Supply Waterworks' leading national position by enhancing its capability to meet the demand of increasing infrastructure needs in the northeastern United States. It also aligns with HD Supply's overall long-term growth strategy and enhances its ability to provide the right products, services and solutions as the distributor of choice for its customers.

RAMSCO currently operates four branches located in New York State, including Watervliet, Utica, Rochester and Binghamton. The business will be fully integrated into HD Supply Waterworks and will begin operating under the HD Supply Waterworks brand while continuing to provide water and sewer materials services to existing customers.

**About HD Supply Waterworks**

HD Supply Waterworks (<http://waterworks.hdsupply.com/>) is the nation's leader in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection industries. The business distributes a complete line of water, sewer, fire protection and storm drain products, integral to building, repairing and maintaining water and wastewater systems that are part of the basic municipal infrastructure required to support population and economic growth and residential and commercial construction. It currently operates more than 240 branches in 42 states.

**About HD Supply**

HD Supply ([www.hdsupply.com](http://www.hdsupply.com)) is a leading wholesale distribution company, providing a broad range of products and services to professional customers in the infrastructure & energy, maintenance, repair & improvement and specialty construction markets. With a diverse portfolio of industry leading businesses, HD Supply is one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in North America, with approximately 765 locations.

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