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## Range Kleen Mfg. Partners with Berndes Cookware USA in 2010

Lima, OH Range Kleen Manufacturing, Inc., one of the largest manufacturers of Replacement Range Accessories in the U.S. for 39 years, announces their partnership with Berndes Cookware, Inc, effective December 21, 2009. Range Kleen Manufacturing, Inc. offers the consumer a wide variety of affordable and attractive merchandise assortments that offer value and function, as well as unique design. Range Kleen's product line includes a vast offering of OEM quality Range Accessories, Kitchen Accessories featuring licensed designs from Hallmark Licensing, Inc., Bakeware, Cookware, Pot Racks and Storage, On The Go items and much more.

Berndes Cookware, Inc. – A division of HEINRICH BERNDES established in 1921, is a German manufacturer producing cookware in an earth friendly environment in accordance with the EMAS standards (European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme). HEINRICH BERNDES/ Berndes Cookware, Inc. is a global leader for its designs, innovation of fine quality, energy efficient, and non-stick cookware products for healthy cooking made from: vacuum pressure cast aluminum, forged aluminum, stainless steel, induction cookware and cooking tools. Berndes is best known in the United States and Canada for SignoCast, Milestone, Tradition, Coquere-induction, Cucinare-Induction, Specialty cookware lines and cooking tools accessories.

Effective December 21, 2009, Range Kleen Manufacturing is pleased to announce the partnership with Berndes Cookware USA and will take the lead of all sales, marketing and shipping of Berndes Cookware USA from their International Headquarters in Lima, Ohio. Berndes USA President, Armando Vallejo and Range Kleen President, Patrick O'Connor are committed to transition this business partnership and the relocation of inventory from Berndes Charlotte, NC facility to Range Kleen's facility in Ohio seamlessly, and without disruption of service to their clients. Range Kleen's reputation for *Taking Care of the Customer*, as well as their successful continuation of drop ship programs nationwide and to Canada while maintaining near perfect score cards from some of the largest retailers in the country, will benefit this partnership in ensuring Berndes existing and future clients a profitable and successful program.

Vallejo will continue with Berndes' other businesses based in the US and will work directly with O'Connor and Range Kleen Associates to ensure the future growth of the Berndes brand business in conjunction with Range Kleen's own product assortment.

Berndes Cookware will be displayed in the Range Kleen Booth, S3624, at the International Housewares Show in March 2010.

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