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THE HOME DEPOT HELPS PREPARE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR "THE BIG ONE"

Company sponsors and plays crucial role in largest Earthquake drill in U.S. history

LOS ANGELES (November 14, 2008) – The world's largest home improvement retailer participated in the successful "Great Southern California ShakeOut" event held across Southern California yesterday. In addition to serving as one of the major sponsors by donating \$100,000 to the event, Home Depot stores in Los Angeles and around the region set up displays to show customers the products they need to be prepared for an Earthquake. Trained Home Depot associates were also available to answer customer questions and teach consumers how to secure loose items in the home, properly strap hot water heaters, protect precious possessions and assemble a disaster preparedness kit.

"Involvement in the ShakeOut is a part of The Home Depot's focus on home safety and security year-round, and demonstrates the Home Depot's ongoing commitment to give back to the communities we serve," said Kathryn Gallagher, Senior Manager of Communications for The Home Depot's Western Division. "As a leading provider of home improvement products and a resource for home improvement enthusiasts, The Home Depot is dedicated to raising awareness of home safety."

The Home Depot further contributed to the goal of preparing Southern California for an Earthquake by sponsoring an informative online game called "Beat the Quake." The game demonstrates what could happen in a typical living room during an earthquake. Players have to figure out what to do to secure TVs, picture frames and other objects before they crash to the ground. The game and other safety tips are available at www.dropcoverholdon.org.

Organizers of the "Great SoCal ShakeOut" said about five million people signed up to participate in the mock 7.8 magnitude trembler -- a drill described as the largest in U.S. history.

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About The Home Depot

As the world's largest home improvement retailer, The Home Depot embraces its role as a leader in social responsibility and celebrates its long-standing commitment to volunteerism. Giving back is a fundamental value of Home Depot and a passion for associates. Through an extensive community relations program, we reach out to the communities where our associates live and work with philanthropic and volunteer support. For more information about The Home Depot, please visit www.homedepot.com.

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