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Media Misreports Five Star Products, Inc Bankruptcy Reorganization

FAIRFIELD, CT, MAY 19, 2011 – Several news stories have reported that Five Star Products, Inc. has entered bankruptcy reorganization. These news stories confuse Five Star Products, Inc., a subsidiary of The Merit Group Inc. (formerly Lancaster Distributing Co. and Lancaster Paint Sundries Inc.) of Delaware, a paint and hardware wholesaler, with Five Star Products, Inc. headquartered in Fairfield, CT, a global provider of high-performance cement and epoxy-based products for the industrial, infrastructure and marine markets.

Five Star Products, Inc., of Fairfield, CT, is a privately-held subsidiary of Babcock and King, Inc. and is not covered by the Merit Group Inc. action. Five Star Products, Inc. and its sister subsidiary Five Star Marine, Inc. have seen vibrant growth and expansion in the last several years.

About Five Star Products, Inc.: Five Star Products, Inc. is a worldwide provider of high-performance, versatile, non-shrink cement and epoxy-based construction grout and concrete repair solutions for use in the industrial, commercial, infrastructure and marine markets.

For information on Five Star® products call 203.336.7900, or visit www.FiveStarProducts.com on the web. For Toll Free technical assistance, contact the Engineering and Technical Support Group at 800.243.2206.

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