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## PRESS RELEASE

### Elko Partners with Orchard Supply Hardware

**Richmond, VA / November 8, 2005** --- Elko® Products Company Inc., a building and home products company, will begin marketing its patented Elko® GuttaGard™ product line at all 84 Orchard Supply Hardware locations across California beginning November 10, 2005.

The Elko® GuttaGard™, is an innovative, low cost gutter protection product that was originally introduced to the market in 1983. It is a solid aluminum product with no holes, no mesh, and no mess. In 2003, the Elko® GuttaGard™ was redesigned with a new, easy-to-use clip called the Gutter Genius® clip. Easy step-by-step instructions are on every retail box, and the Elko® GuttaGard™ can be installed in minutes with a screwdriver and metal snips or heavy scissors.

“The Elko® GuttaGard™ is a simple but cost effective alternative to high-priced branded franchises,” says Timothy Staub, President and CEO of Elko Products Company. “It outperforms most of the expensive solid metal products at a small fraction of the price, and offers discerning homeowners better value at a lower cost.”

More than 22 million feet of Elko® GuttaGard™ has been installed on more than 200,000 homes nationwide since 1983. It retails for about \$1.25/foot vs. the average price of competitive solid aluminum gutter protection products at \$12 per foot or more installed.

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#### **About Elko® Products Company, Inc.**

Elko Products Company, Inc. is based in Richmond, Virginia. Elko is a building and home products company focused on providing unique and innovative solutions to building, home and construction-related markets worldwide. Elko's products are marketed by many of the leading companies in home maintenance and repair, construction and home improvement channels in North America.

#### **About Orchard Supply Hardware**

Orchard Supply Hardware is headquartered in San Jose, California. OSH was founded in 1931 as a supplier of farm supplies to local farmers. OSH offers more than 45,000 items to customers through 84 retail centers in California ranging from Redding in northern California to Laguna Niguel in southern California.

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