

THE HOME DEPOT BECOMES AN OFFICIAL NFL SPONSOR

Agreement Includes Exclusive NFL Network Postgame Sponsorship and NFL Experience Presenting Sponsorship

New York and Atlanta, January 9, 2007 – The National Football League® (NFL®) and The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, today announced they have entered into a multi-year integrated marketing partnership that designates The Home Depot as the "official home improvement sponsor" of the National Football League."

The partnership includes marketing rights to the Super Bowl®, Pro Bowl®, community affairs activities, NFL Network-related programming and designates The Home Depot as the presenting sponsor of The NFL Experience, pro football's interactive theme park spanning nearly 850,000 square feet and featuring more than 50 interactive games and attractions. The NFL Experience Built By The Home Depot takes place Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 1-4, 2007, adjacent to Dolphin Stadium, in South Florida. This is the third time in the event's 16-year history that it will visit South Florida.

The Home Depot became the official postgame sponsor of NFL Network's eight regular season games, called "The Home Depot PostGame Show," which began on Thanksgiving night and ran through the final week of the regular season. Also under the agreement, The Home Depot obtains rights to NFL Kickoff, NFL Playoffs, Super Bowl XLI, XLII, XLIII, the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Pro Bowls. Moving beyond the football arena, The Home Depot also will create and manage an ongoing community service-focused program, which will be featured on NFL Network's "Total AccessSM" program.

"This sponsorship will showcase The Home Depot's products, services and community relations expertise, while giving our 355,000 associates and strong customer base a foray into one of the most popular professional sports," said Roger Adams, chief marketing officer and senior vice president of

Marketing for The Home Depot. "We'll identify additional opportunities to integrate both our supplier partners and our important Pro customer segment to drive exciting programs at the store level."

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"We are pleased to welcome The Home Depot to our family of sponsors," said Peter Murray, the NFL's vice president of partnership marketing and sales. "We look forward to working with the company to bring its customers closer to the NFL through multi-faceted promotions across our numerous key events and media properties."

In addition to its new national partnership with the NFL, The Home Depot has existing local club sponsorship agreements with the Atlanta Falcons, Denver Broncos, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Washington Redskins.

About The Home Depot

The Home Depot® is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,141 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, 10 Canadian provinces, Mexico and China. Through its HD SupplySM businesses, The Home Depot is also one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in the United States, with nearly 1,000 locations in the United States and Canada offering products and services for building, improving and maintaining homes, businesses and municipal infrastructures. In fiscal 2005, The Home Depot had sales of \$81.5 billion and earnings of \$5.8 billion. The Company employs approximately 355,000 associates and has been recognized by *FORTUNE* magazine as the No. 1 Most Admired Specialty Retailer and the No. 13 Most Admired Corporation in America for 2006. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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