

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Hunton Distribution Celebrates Earth Day with LEED Certification Announcement**

**Houston, Texas (May 24, 2010)** Hunton Distribution, a Hunton Group company, celebrated Earth Day this year with the announcement that their new 117,000 square-foot headquarters and distribution center had achieved LEED Silver certification. The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings. This building is not only the first LEED New Construction (NC) Distribution Center in Houston, but it is also the first LEED NC building constructed within the Trane organization, the largest manufacturer of heating, ventilation and air conditioning products worldwide.

Hunton Distribution contracted GRA-Gulf Coast Construction, LLC to act as the Design/Build general contractor; TNRG Designs, LP to head the planning and design; C-AIRS Mechanical for all mechanical work; and Reihl Engineering to serve as LEED consultant and commissioning agent for this 2-year project, which totaled \$6.0 million.

This project, which began in February of 2008, hosts 21,000 square feet of office space which features a state-of-the-art training center. As Hunton Distribution specializes in air conditioning products, the company wanted to incorporate their high efficiency units and other new technologies that conserve energy while maximizing building performance. Hunton Distribution met stringent LEED credit qualifications in the categories of Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation & Design. Irrigation was installed on less than half of the 10.33-acre site, with native and adaptive plantings minimizing water usage by 60%. Dual flush water closets and pint flush urinals conserve over 30% of water consumption, 75% of waste from construction was recycled and 50% of the materials used to build the center were either recycled or regionally produced products. Certified wood was also used for millwork, doors and decking in the training center.

“As a leader in the HVAC Industry, we thought we should take the lead in the construction of LEED facilities and demonstrate that it is possible to build an energy-conscious facility that is not cost prohibitive,” states Richard Hunton, Jr., President & COO of The Hunton Group.

Hunton Distribution supplies Trane residential and light commercial unitary equipment, aftermarket parts and supplies, as well as customer financing and training to dealers, contractors and service companies. The company has earned Trane’s Pacesetter Award as their #1 independent distributor for three out of the past four years. Hunton Distribution maintains multiple parts and distribution centers in Houston, Lubbock, Amarillo, El Paso, and Oklahoma City, and is a member of the Hunton Group family of companies.

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