

## *News Release*

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### **U S Block Windows® Inc. Acquires Hy-Lite® Products**

PENSACOLA, FLA. - U S Block Windows® Inc. has purchased substantially all of the assets of Hy-Lite Products Inc., the acrylic block and decorative glass window manufacturer located in Eatonton, Ga. Hy-Lite was previously owned by Fortune Brands, Inc., the consumer products company based in Deerfield, Ill. U S Block Windows Inc. is privately owned by Hampshire Equity Partners of Greenwich, Conn. The company is headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., with manufacturing facilities in Pensacola and Tempe, Ariz.

The purchase combines the two most recognized names in the acrylic block window industry. Hy-Lite introduced the first prefabricated acrylic block window to the market in 1988. U S Block Windows introduced their product to the market in 1996 and expanded the privacy window category with unique options including architectural shapes, casements, awnings, single hung and slider applications for both the new construction and replacement markets.

“The addition of Hy-Lite’s products to our existing company will provide window dealers, builders and consumers with a broad variety of choices to meet their expanding privacy window needs from a single source,” according to Roger Murphy, president of U S Block Windows Inc. “We’re excited by this opportunity to strengthen our company with an increased product offering that positions us as the leading acrylic block provider in the industry.”

Products from Hy-Lite and U S Block Windows are sold through building material suppliers, window dealers and distributors throughout the United States. In addition, certain products are also distributed in Canada, Australia, Japan and Mexico.

Over the past few years, acrylic block windows have become the preferred window for the bathroom privacy and design in both the new construction and remodeling markets. The flexibility and visual appeal of acrylic block has evolved to other areas of the home including the second bath, kitchen, utility room, closet, basement, attic, and garage. The products are a perfect solution to any area where both light and privacy are desired. Acrylic block windows are more energy efficient, 70 percent lighter in weight and easier to install than traditional glass block windows. In addition to acrylic block windows, the combined product lines offer true glass block windows and an array of decorative glass window options along with several specialty products such as door inserts, radius shower walls and partition walls.

For more information on the full U S Block Windows and Hy-Lite product lines, call 888-256-2599 or visit [www.usblockwindows.com](http://www.usblockwindows.com) and [www.hy-lite.com](http://www.hy-lite.com).

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