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AUSTIN HARDWARE & SUPPLY, INC. NAMED EXCLUSIVE

U.S. DISTRIBUTOR FOR GHE GROUP HAPPICH ELLAMP

(Lee's Summit, MO) - *Austin Hardware and Supply, Inc.* has been named the exclusive authorized distributor in the United States for the full line of **GHE Group Happich Ellamp** products. Happich is a leading European manufacturer of interior systems, profiles, and components for the bus and coach industry.

Mark Dudenhoeffer, president of Austin Hardware says, "We're honored to have been awarded exclusive authorized rights for Happich products across the entire U.S. Happich's goals are to get closer to their clients and improve their level of customer service in the U.S. With our regional sales managers across the country, and a commitment to customer service that is second-to-none, Happich recognized that we are best positioned to help them achieve those goals. Customers all over the U.S. will benefit not only from the close proximity of our staff, but they'll save time in transit and shipping costs because we're able to stock their parts in different 9 locations, virtually ensuring their parts can reach them anywhere in the country within 2 days via economical ground shipping."

Austin Hardware is a leading supplier of specialty industrial and vehicular hardware. Products include fasteners, handles, locks, latches, hinges, hooks, holders, drawer slides, gas springs, fenders, rubber bumpers, weatherstrip, edge trims, gasket, sealants, adhesives, and more. Primary industries served include truck body, trailer, specialty and recreational vehicle OEM and repair centers; fire truck, ambulance, rescue and emergency vehicle OEM and repair centers; OEM metal fabricators; and the marine industry. In business since 1960, the company has full stocking locations in California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.

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