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At the International Builders' Show:
**DRICore® Subfloor Systems Provide Comfort, Quiet
and Improved Indoor Air Quality for NextGen05 Home**

ORLANDO -- DRICore® and ACOUSTICore™ integrated subfloor systems helped to create and maintain a healthy, comfortable and quiet environment in the 2005 NextGen Safe & Sound Demonstration home at the 2005 International Builders' Show here.

The home, which features the latest in storm-resistant construction techniques and building products, also earned a U.S. Department of Energy "Zero Energy" rating for its many energy-saving features and makes extensive use of connected home technology throughout.

For all of its advanced construction techniques and technology, the NextGen house is designed to be a comfortable place that feels like home, thanks to the use of building products such as the integrated subfloor systems by DRICore.

The original DRICore® subfloor system, highlighted in the home's Hidden Assets display room, is ideal for the home's on-grade construction in the warm, humid south. DRICore's engineered wood panels are bonded to a rigid polyethylene sheet with molded-in dimples that lift the subfloor off the concrete. This raised design helps to create better indoor air quality because it allows air to circulate between the panels and the concrete to dry up condensation and help to prevent the growth of mold. Because DRICore is a wood product, it has a subtle resilience that is more comfortable for walking or standing.

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In the home theater, the new ACOUSTICore subfloor with integral acoustical barrier helps keep the surround-sound from spilling over into the rest of the house. The engineered wood panels, bonded to rubber matting, reduce sound vibration by as much as 20 percent, compared to a similar subfloor without an acoustical component.

Both DRICore and ACOUSTICore subfloors are assembled by press-fitting the panels together without nails or glue to form a floating floor that can be installed in less than half the time of a conventional subfloor. Both may be used with a variety of finished floor materials.

"We're pleased to join with other fine companies as a sponsor of the NextGen05 Home," said Dave Murray, director of marketing for DRICore. "The innovative design of these subfloor systems, along with their ease of installation, makes them an ideal fit for this project.

"Today's knowledgeable and demanding homeowners expect their homes to be both healthy and comfortable," Murray said. "Builders are always in search of new products that will give them a competitive edge and enable them to better respond to their customers' needs. DRICore and ACOUSTICore are just such products, and the NextGen05 house is a great context for us to present their story to forward-thinking builders."

The DRICore and ACOUSTICore integrated subfloor systems are products of DRICore Division, Longlac Wood Industries, a business unit of Kruger, Inc. Montreal-based Kruger is a major Canadian pulp and paper producer and a leader in sustainable forest ecosystems and recycling.

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