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**KOMPAN Chosen to Build ECO-Friendly Playground in Greensburg, Kansas**

Tacoma, WA – April 29, 2008 – KOMPAN, Inc. On the evening of May 4, 2007, the 1,500 citizens of Greensburg, KS spent a night in fear as they listened to the howling winds of an F-5 twister tear through their town. Several people were killed during this tragic event and roughly ninety-five percent of the entire town was leveled leaving nearly all of the town's residents homeless.

Since the tornado's devastation nearly a year ago, the citizens of Greensburg have reaffirmed their commitment to rebuild their town and in a way unlike any other. Greensburg is going "green", aiming to become the most environmentally-friendly town in the nation by utilizing the latest technologies and building materials available.

Because of their strong environmental stance, KOMPAN has been chosen as the exclusive supplier for Greensburg's newly renovated playground. Tom Grover, President of KOMPAN stated, "We're so proud to be part of this amazing project and applaud the town of Greensburg for their tenacious efforts to rebuild their town." Grover continues, "The town of Greensburg is setting an important example for eco-friendly design and KOMPAN's products show we can extend that mission to the playground. Our innovative play solutions combine exceptional play value with a progressive environmental approach. We believe playgrounds should be as good for the environment as they are for the kids that use them."

KOMPAN works hard to ensure that the products we sell are manufactured using safe, non-toxic materials and in the most environmentally responsible manner. KOMPAN leads the industry in maintaining the highest standards for both safety and environmental sustainability.

**KOMPAN Manufacturing - ISO 14001**

KOMPAN is certified to the International Standards Association 14001 which requires the highest level of environmental management of manufacturing. As a global supplier of playground equipment, KOMPAN is committed to meeting the most rigorous standards for environmentally responsible manufacturing.

**Banning Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) and Phthalates**

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) is a plastic that is commonly used in plumbing pipes, however, many playground manufacturers use a softened form of PVC to coat metal parts, such as decks, handrails, and hand rings. Not only does the production of PVC release dioxins which are known to be linked to cancer, but the process of making the PVC soft involves the use of Phthalates, which have been linked to potential health hazards. Both Washington and California are concerned enough about the use of Phthalates that they have recently passed legislation that will ban the sale of children's products if they contain phthalates in certain quantities.

Besides being harmful to our bodies, PVC is also harmful to the environment in which we live. Recycling PVC is difficult, and it usually ends up in landfills. KOMPAN is proud to say that their products have always been PVC and phthalates free.

### **Recycled Materials**

KOMPAN utilizes recycled materials whenever feasible. KOMPAN aluminum components, steel posts and high pressure laminate flooring, all utilize recycled material. Additionally, KOMPAN products are manufactured from safe materials which can be easily recycled long after the playground's lifecycle.

### **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)**

As a member of the Green Building Council KOMPAN supports the LEED program and can assist in achieving LEED certification for your project. KOMPAN equipment utilizes recycled materials, which can be applied toward attaining LEED credits 4.1, 4.2, and 7.

### **Certified Harvested Wood**

KOMPAN's products are almost entirely made from durable metal and plastics, but some specialized products still use wood. The wood used is CCA free and comes from a responsibly managed forest certified by the standards of The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). In addition to using FSC Certified wood in products, KOMPAN also uses FSC certified wood in its packaging, shipping crates, printed catalogs and marketing material.

### **Limited Use of Paint**

Powder coating paint is a common method of adding color to playground equipment. When the surface coating chips, however, the metal is exposed to corrosive elements and will require added maintenance. One of KOMPAN's philosophies is to minimize the amount of paint on our equipment and instead use solid colored materials. Besides reducing the maintenance hours that would normally be necessary to re-apply colored coatings to parts, this practice also eliminates the need to purchase and store touch-up paint and chemicals.

For more information on KOMPAN products and our environmental policies, visit [www.kompan.com](http://www.kompan.com).

KOMPAN A/S, based in Denmark, is a world leader in the design, manufacturing and marketing of commercial playgrounds.

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