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**Myers Industries Lawn and Garden Group  
Sold, Renamed The HC Companies**

**February 17, 2015, Twinsburg, Ohio** — The company management of Myers Lawn and Garden Group along with Wingate Partners V, L.P. have acquired the Lawn and Garden business from Myers Industries, Inc. The new company name is The HC Companies, Inc.

The HC Companies, Inc. will continue as North America's leading provider of horticulture containers supplying the Greenhouse, Nursery and Retail markets under the brand names Dillen<sup>®</sup>, ITML<sup>®</sup>, ProCal<sup>®</sup>, Listo<sup>™</sup>, Akro-Mils Lawn & Garden<sup>®</sup>, and Planters' Pride<sup>®</sup>.

Myers Industries announced its intent to sell the Lawn and Garden business in June of 2014 and announced a definitive agreement with Wingate Partners in January 2015. Wingate Partners, a Dallas, Texas-based private equity firm, was founded in 1987 to purchase controlling equity investments in manufacturing, distribution and services businesses. The acquisition of the Lawn and Garden business includes manufacturing facilities and offices located in Twinsburg, OH, Middlefield, OH, Sparks, NV, Sebring, FL, Brantford, ON and Burlington, ON.

"We've all committed to building a sustainable manufacturing footprint and we will continue to focus on improvements across all aspects of our business," said The HC Companies' President and CEO, Chris Koscho. "Customer service remains our highest priority, from consistency in the performance and appearance of the products we manufacture to on-time delivery."

Jim Johnson, Partner at Wingate Partners, adds, "We recognize the significant investment in strategic initiatives and effort put forth to position the business to serve the horticulture market. Wingate fully supports the HC Companies' leadership team in their efforts to focus on customer service and operational excellence."

**About The HC Companies, Inc.**

The HC Companies Inc., is North America's leading supplier of horticulture containers serving professional greenhouse and nursery growers, grower distributors, retail garden centers, and mass merchandisers under the Dillen<sup>®</sup>, ITML<sup>®</sup>, ProCal<sup>®</sup>, Listo<sup>™</sup>, Akro-Mils Lawn & Garden<sup>®</sup> and Planters' Pride<sup>®</sup> brands. The company manufactures a variety of quality injection, blow-molded, and thermoformed plastic containers as well as eco-friendly containers made from Coconut Coir fiber or recycled paper materials. The HC Companies' products include a diverse selection of pot and tray systems, hanging baskets and planters, plug and propagation trays, flats and inserts, nursery containers, and seed starting kits. The HC Companies Inc. has headquarters in Twinsburg, Ohio with manufacturing plants in Canada, Nevada, Florida and Ohio. For more information please call 800-225-7712 in the U.S., 800-736-8465 in Canada, or visit [www.hc-companies.com](http://www.hc-companies.com).

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