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Duro-Last® Roofing System Installed on Largest Solar Electric Project in Minnesota

Saginaw, Michigan – October 3, 2008 – The Duro-Last roofing system has been installed on the Merrick, Inc. building in Vadnais Heights, Minnesota. The project was completed at the end of August and is the largest solar electric application in the state, with 525 solar panels installed that are expected to produce 130,000 kilowatts of electricity a year. Beneath the solar electric system, the building is protected by over 50,000 square feet of Duro-Last's single-ply PVC roofing system.

Merrick's prefabricated roofing system was manufactured at Duro-Last's Sigourney, Iowa, facility and installed by authorized contractor Four Seasons Energy Efficient Roofing, Inc. of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota. "Duro-Last's white membrane was the ideal system for this installation because it is solar-ready. It's easy to install, and because it's prefabricated, I can be confident that Merrick won't have to worry about leaks underneath the solar system for years to come" said Darrell Schaapveld, owner of Four Seasons.

The Duro-Last system is an excellent sustainability choice. The white membrane's high reflectivity benefits the building in rooftop areas and during times of the day when sunlight is not being collected by the solar panels. Because Duro-Last is prefabricated, less on-site waste is produced during installation and, as a company, Duro-Last recycles manufacturing scrap back

into roofing membrane or other construction products. Unlike other roofing materials, the Duro-Last system is also recyclable at the end of its useful life.

The Duro-Last-plus-solar roofing assembly complements the buildings many other sustainable building features. Among them: a geothermal energy system under the parking lot will provide both heating and cooling which is powered by the rooftop rays; every room will have occupancy sensors to control electrical usage; the building will have energy-efficient insulation and windows throughout maximizing natural light.

According to Duro-Last Vice President of Sales, Steve Ruth, "This installation reinforces our leadership in the sustainable roofing market. The Duro-Last roofing system is increasingly being installed throughout the United States as the waterproofing membrane of choice for solar, vegetative, and other 'green' building applications."

*With corporate headquarters and a manufacturing facility in Saginaw, Michigan as well as other manufacturing facilities in Grants Pass, Oregon; Jackson, Mississippi; and Sigourney, Iowa, the Duro-Last roofing system has become known as The "World's Best Roof". Since 1978, Duro-Last Roofing, Inc. has manufactured a custom-fabricated, reinforced, thermoplastic membrane roofing system that is ideal for any flat or low-sloped commercial and industrial buildings. Energy-efficient and extremely durable, the Duro-Last roofing system is also leak-proof, virtually maintenance-free and resistant to chemicals, fire, and high winds. For more information, contact **Fred Sitter at 800-248-0280** or visit www.duro-last.com*

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