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**UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES ANNOUNCES NEW CERTIFICATION OF
BOURDON'S INSTITUTIONAL SALES, INC.**

Mattress company is first to receive third-party certification for mattress flammability for three separate local requirements

NORTHBROOK, III., Feb. 27, 2006—Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) today announced that Bourdon's Institutional Sales, Inc., received UL certification for its Life Safety™ series of mattresses—Bio-Pruf, Sleep-Safe, Sleep-Cool, Sweet Dreams and Comfort—for both residential and public occupancies.

Each product has been certified in accordance with three separate local requirements: **California Technical Bulletin 129** (2002), Flammability Test Procedure for mattresses for use in public buildings; **California Technical Bulletin 603** (1994), requirements and test procedure for resistance of a mattress/box spring set to a large open-flame; and **Boston Fire Department IX-11**(1983), regulations for mattresses and box springs used in hotels and university dormitories. These requirements specify that mattresses must generate heat-release rates of less than 100kW, 200kW and 150kW, respectively. A non-compliant mattress can generate heat-release rates in excess of 1,200kW. A rate of 1000 kW causes a condition known as flashover in which the entire contents of a room burst into flames.

“Historically, the federal government has required mattress manufacturers to self-declare compliance to these local standards,” said Tom Chapin, Ph.D., general manager of UL's fire sector. “Bourdon's is the first manufacturer to seek and receive third-party certification for its products for these three requirements.”

As a result of its newly acquired UL certification, Bourdon's and its components suppliers will now participate in UL's Follow-Up Service program. Under the program, UL engineers make unannounced visits to Bourdon factories to validate that the company continues to make products that comply with the appropriate standards. Individual mattresses produced under the UL classification program will bear the UL Mark.

“With UL's involvement, Bourdon's Institutional Sales, Inc., is creating a higher comfort level for many parties concerned with fire protection in institutional settings, from purchasing agents to risk managers to insurance providers,” said Charles Aiken, co-owner of Bourdon's. “This new certification establishes a more effective means to prevent mattresses from contributing significantly to small fires, thereby allowing additional evacuation time in the event of an emergency.”

For more information on UL's certification offerings in the fire sector, please contact Tom Chapin in Northbrook, Ill., by phone at +1-847-343-4918, or by e-mail at j.thomas.chapin@us.ul.com.

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About Bourdon's Institutional Sales Inc.

Bourdon's Institutional Sales, Inc., is a Claremont, New Hampshire mattress manufacturer and has been a leader in the manufacture of institutional bedding for eighty-two years.