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**Summer Classics® Appoints Jim Culp as Senior VP of Operations**

**Birmingham, AL – January 7, 2009** – Summer Classics, Inc., manufacturer of fine garden furniture, announced Wednesday, December 29, 2008 that Jim Culp was promoted to Senior Vice President of Operations. Culp formerly served as Vice President of Domestic Operations for Summer Classics. His new position will give him responsibility for the logistical and operational functions of the company. Culp will oversee international and domestic operations, including quality control, warehousing, distribution and traffic, the Summer Classics West Coast Distribution Center, order fulfillment and scheduling, human resources, logistics, facilities, and new equipment.

Culp comes from a background in ISO 9000, Six Sigma and Manufacturing Problem Solving. He previously worked with Mercedes-Benz, Honda, Toyota and multiple international automotive parts suppliers, managing global logistics and system efficiencies.

Bew White, president and CEO of Summer Classics, said, “We are grateful to have Jim with us. He has done an excellent job at our domestic manufacturing facilities and we believe he will be instrumental in helping Summer Classics reach the next level.”

Culp stated, “I am excited to work with such a great team as we face this tough economy. Summer Classics remains one of the leaders in the industry and will be aggressive in 2009 as we refocus our quality and manufacturing systems to improve costs, efficiencies, and lead times while ensuring continued customer satisfaction.”

**About Summer Classics**

Summer Classics, formerly the Vista Corporation, was formed in 1978 as a manufacturer’s representative company offering lifestyle furniture to retailers across the United States. Today, Summer Classics is a design leader, offering a diverse product line of outdoor furniture including wrought iron, wrought aluminum, weather proof N-Dura™ wicker, cast aluminum, imported home furnishings, and a vast line of accessories. The company sells to more than 400 dealers and operates/ licenses thirteen Summer Classics retail stores. The company has sold private label products to Neiman Marcus, Horchow, Smith & Hawken, Great Indoors, Gardeners Eden, and Frontgate. For more information, visit [www.summerclassics.com](http://www.summerclassics.com).

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