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## **KOJO Worldwide Acquires Universal Draperies to Create KOJO Canada**

SAN DIEGO--June 30, 2005. KOJO Worldwide, a leading provider of custom bed coverings and draperies for hotels, announces the acquisition Universal Draperies of Brampton, Ontario, resulting in the creation of KOJO Canada.

“We are very excited to add Universal Draperies’ resources and people to KOJO Worldwide to create KOJO Canada. The blending of our two successful companies provides us with the platform to service the entire northern hemisphere, and allows us to continue to provide branding for the hospitality industry the world over,” said CEO Joe E. Robertson.

Julian Backhouse, a principal of Universal Draperies, provides continuity as Sales Director. Peter Badali also stays with KOJO Canada contributing his wealth of experience in sales and customer service as Corporate Accounts Manager. Pedro Lopez has been promoted to the position of Managing Director as a result of his successful history with KOJO, having already managed the opening of three manufacturing plants for the company.

Future plans include employing 300 people at KOJO Canada, furthering KOJO Worldwide’s practice of supporting local economies by providing training and employment for local residents, while servicing the hospitality industry with the best-quality products.

“With this merger, we are truly a NAFTA company, with divisions in Mexico, the United States and Canada. Our future expansion plans include South America, Spain and Asia in order to provide brand-enhancing products to the hospitality industry in the most-timely manner possible, with the greatest customer service available,” said Robertson.

KOJO Worldwide, headquartered in San Diego, California, has been servicing the hospitality industry with soft goods for over 30 years. Designs by Koni and manufacturing and installation by KOJO Worldwide are providing the industry vision and innovation in fabrics, bedcovers, window treatments and accessories. KOJO currently has over 1000 employees in the United States, Mexico and Canada. All factories are furnished with state-of-the-art equipment and staffed with expertly-trained employees and management.

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