

PRESS RELEASE – JUNE 18, 2008

**SIMPSON MANUFACTURING CO., INC. ANNOUNCES
THE ACQUISITION OF PROTECH SYSTEMS, INC.**

Pleasanton, CA -- Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its subsidiary, Simpson Dura-Vent Company, Inc. purchased 100% of the equity of ProTech Systems, Inc. (“ProTech”), a New York company. ProTech manufactures venting products in New York and distributes them throughout North America. The purchase price (subject to post-closing adjustment) was \$7.5 million in cash, plus an additional earn-out of up to \$2.25 million if certain future performance targets are met.

Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., headquartered in Pleasanton, California, through its subsidiary, Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., designs, engineers and is a leading manufacturer of wood-to-wood, wood-to-concrete and wood-to-masonry connectors and fastening systems, stainless steel fasteners and pre-fabricated shearwalls. Simpson Strong-Tie also offers a full line of adhesives, mechanical anchors and powder actuated tools for concrete, masonry and steel. The Company’s other subsidiary, Simpson Dura-Vent Company, Inc., designs, engineers and manufactures venting systems for gas and wood burning appliances. The Company’s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “SSD.”

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