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**SIMPSON MANUFACTURING CO., INC. TO WEBCAST ITS PRESENTATION
AT THE THIRD ANNUAL NYSSA CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS CONFERENCE**

Pleasanton, CA -- Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE:SSD) announced today that the presentation by its Chairman, Barclay Simpson, at the New York Society of Security Analysts Third Annual Construction Materials Conference in New York on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, will be webcast. The presentation is scheduled for 11:40 am, eastern daylight time and the webcast is available through a link on the Company’s website at www.simpsonmfg.com.

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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