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Exhibitors Make, Donate 30 Multi-Shelf Cabinets Made at AWFS®Fair to Animal Shelter

16 Woodworking Industry Companies Participate in 2011 SmartShop Program

LAS VEGAS – (July 22, 2011) – More than 30 multi-shelf cabinets created in smartSHOP, a fully operational shop assembled at <u>AWFS®Fair</u> through the sponsorship of 16 exhibitors and participating partners, were donated this year to <u>The Animal Foundation</u>, an open-admission animal shelter and multi-service agency to support the humane treatment of animals.

Gero Sassenberg, a woodworking expert and furniture consultant, operated the smartSHOP, supervising the use of equipment from participating exhibitors, demonstrating also how all the processes of cabinet construction, from data input software to cabinet assembly can be automated on the shop floor, saving time and money for the manufacturer.

Companies donating equipment or products to the smartSHOP this year included:

- California Dowel & Turning: dowel pins 8x38 pre-glued
- Casadei-Busellato (SCM Group): CNC router
- CP Adhesives/Spectrum: hot melt gun w/ applicator/pressure pots/glue
- Drawer Connection: drawer boxes
- Festool: cordless hand drills/screwdriver tips
- Flakeboard: melamine board
- Gannomat/TriTec: horizontal drill and dowel inserter
- Grass: hinges/hinge inserter/lit-up mech/undermount slides
- Haefele: carts
- Holzher: edge bander and glue pellets
- Leitz Tooling Systems: tooling for drill/inserter and CNC machine
- Delta Power Equipment: dust collection/extractions
- Planit Solutions: software
- Stiles Machinery: case clamp
- Scientific Dust Collectors: dust collection/extractions
- Weima: Environmental/Destroy Responsibly service

"The smartSHOP program has two great benefits," Angelo Gangone, Executive Vice President, AWFS, said. "Seeing a completely automated shop in action is educational for attendees and, at the same time, the program demonstrates that, as an industry, we are committed to giving back. The cabinets made during the four days will be put to good use. The Animal Foundation accepts 50,000 homeless pets a year."

AWFS's biennial international AWFS®Fair has become a critical hub for international commerce in the woodworking industry. The AWFS®Fair brings together the entire home and commercial furnishings industry, including manufacturers and distributors of machinery, hardware, lumber, construction materials and other suppliers to the furniture, cabinet manufacturers and custom woodworkers.

The Animal Foundation is a private, non-profit, multi-service agency dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals in the Las Vegas Valley. To promote the humane treatment of animals, they operate the Valley's largest open-admission shelter, lost and found services, rabies observation, foster home and adoption services, an affordable vaccination clinic, low-cost spaying and neutering services, community education and humane and sensitive euthanasia.

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