

THE RIM

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The Rim announces addition of four premium power, specialty retailers *Dick's, Staples, Ranch at The Rim, Tejas Lighting provide national brand-name, regional mix*

(May 14, 2008) SAN ANTONIO – Developers of The Rim, San Antonio's premier mixed-used complex featuring power and specialty retailing, dining and entertainment, today announced the addition of four distinctive stores that represent best-in-class power national brand-name retailers, as well as unique regional establishments reflecting the flavor of Texas and the Hill Country. Dick's Sporting Goods, Staples, Ranch at The Rim and Tejas Lighting each have opened or have openings slated at The Rim, the bustling far Northwest Side development at Interstate 10 West and Loop 1604.

"This really helps solidify The Rim as a true destination shopping experience," said Ward A. Kampf, president of retail leasing for Thomas Enterprises Inc., developer of The Rim. "Dick's and Staples are absolutely the best of the best in their class, and Ranch at The Rim and Tejas Lighting are unique specialty stores with strong regional appeal. These stores add another layer of premium retailing at The Rim."

Dick's Sporting Goods Inc. is an authentic full-line sporting goods retailer offering a broad assortment of brand-name sporting goods equipment, apparel and footwear in a specialty store environment. The company operates 340 Dick's Sporting Goods stores in 36 states primarily throughout the eastern half of the country. The company also owns Golf Galaxy, a multi-channel golf specialty retailer, with 79 stores in 30 states; e-commerce Web sites and catalog operations; and Chick's Sporting Goods in Southern California. The Rim location, the first in San Antonio, is open, with a **grand opening celebration this Sunday.**

"Dick's is very happy to arrive in San Antonio, and to be part of such a vibrant retail community like The Rim," said Jeffrey R. Hennion, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Dick's Sporting Goods. "We were attracted by the area's rapid growth and active lifestyles, and we look forward to sharing our passion for sports and providing the finest quality products at competitive prices."

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Staples Inc. invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and today is the world's largest office products company. With 76,000 associates, the company is committed to making it easy to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With 2007 sales of \$19.4 billion, Staples serves consumers and businesses ranging from home-based businesses to Fortune 500 companies in 22 countries throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. Headquartered outside of Boston, Staples operates more than 2,000 office superstores and also serves its customers through mail-order catalog, e-commerce and contract businesses. **Staples in The Rim is set for opening this Saturday.**

"Staples is excited to enter the San Antonio market with our very first store conveniently located at The Rim," said Mike Stanfill, regional vice president for Staples Inc. "We're excited to join the community and look forward to making it easy for local businesses to buy the office products and services they need."

Ranch at The Rim is a family-owned, high-end western wear retailer, and is the only place in San Antonio to find exclusive western wear brands such as Bohlin Silver and Manuel Designs. Other top western brands carried include Double D Ranch Wear, Ryan Michael, Cruel Girl, Christine Alexander, Lucchese, Old Gringo, Stetson, Wrangler, Justin and Ariat International. Owners Ben and Selena Peña also own and operate two *The Boot Jack* western wear stores in McAllen, Texas, and were recently honored with the highly-coveted, 2007 Stetson Retailer of the Year Award. The 13,800-square-foot Ranch at The Rim is open, **and will be hosting four top-ranking professional bull riders for an autograph signing this Saturday.**

"The Rim was a good match for us," said co-owner Benjamin Pena. "Our mission is to provide high-quality western merchandise and an upscale, full-service shopping experience which falls in line with The Rim's overall goal of providing first-class shopping. We are the only high-end western wear retailer within the development and in this part of town, which makes Ranch at The Rim an ideal, destination-shopping location for any cowboy duds needs."

Tejas Lighting, with operations in the Texas Hill Country, is the leading manufacturer and marketer of regionally influenced decorative lighting and tasteful home décor. Its stores offer both indoor and outdoor lighting and accessories for homes and offices, with designs inspired by the great Lone Star State. Tejas especially is known for its handmade, Tiffany-style lamps. Customers can shop online (www.tejaslighting.com), or at any of Tejas' retail outlets, located also in Fredericksburg and San Marcos, Texas. **The Rim location is set for a summer opening.**

“We share The Rim’s sense of community that reflects the tastes and heritage of the Texas Hill Country,” said Michael Barnes, owner of Tejas Lighting. “We couldn’t ask for a more desirable and accessible location for our third Tejas Lighting store. And we look forward to serving the needs of the area’s prestigious residential communities with unique decorative lighting and accessories found only in the Lone Star State.”

About The Rim

The Rim is San Antonio’s premier mixed-use development featuring power and specialty retail stores, dining and entertainment, located at the northeast corner of Loop 1604 and Interstate 10 West in the city’s burgeoning northwest growth corridor. Current space spans more than 1.2 million square feet, including Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, Target, Santikos Palladium Theatre, Best Buy, JCPenney and a broad selection of dining establishments, with plans for hotel and upscale condominium construction. The Rim is a development of Thomas Enterprises Inc., based in Newnan, Ga., with capabilities including master-planned communities and mixed-used projects, as well as retail, hotel, residential and office developments.

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