## **PROSTARS®** Announces New Leadership Council

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21, 2007 – PROSTARS**, an alliance of independent glass shop retailers, recently appointed 15 glass shop owner/operator representatives to its Leadership Council. This council, formed in 2003, provides – on behalf of all **PROSTARS** retailer participants – guidance and direction on the efforts and initiatives of the organization.

"We've seen a number of changes within our organization over the past year," said Marc Talbert, President of PPG Auto Glass. "We're quite excited to be embarking on a new path of business structure and growth and we're looking to our **PROSTARS** Leadership Council to continue the mission and vision we developed more than 4 years ago."

As representatives of our independent glass shop alliance, we're looking to this team to drive and guide **PROSTARS** initiatives", added Glenn Davis, Director of Glass Alliance Programs and Business Development. "Additionally, they will help us identify new opportunities for creating added value to the program and our participants."

This year's Leadership Council includes the following auto glass industry professionals:

- Alan Boatwright, President of Greenwood Glass Co. In business since 1965, Greenwood Glass has locations throughout South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.
- David Doherty, National Director Auto Glass Operations for ABRA Auto Body & Glass is a 28-year veteran of the auto glass industry. David has held various positions within the industry including Technician, Sales Representative, Store Manager, Regional Operations Manager and National Sales Manager. He has served on the MN Glass Association (MGA) Board of Directors and is a member of the MGA Auto Glass Committee and the MN BBB Auto Glass Advertising committee. With 92 locations nationwide, ABRA Auto Body & Glass has been a participant in PROSTARS since its inception and David previously served as a council member in 2003.
- Alan Eggers, CEO of Auburn Auto Glass Express, Inc. is a certified Continuing Education Instructor, s 5-yr. council member and has been in the auto glass business for 15 years. Auburn Auto Glass Express, a PROSTARS participant from the program's inception, currently owns and operates 3 locations in the Sacramento, CA area.
- Nik Frye, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Glass America has more than 30 years experience in the industry. Nik is a certified Continuing Education Instructor in 20

states and serves on the NGA Windshield Repair Committee. One of the first PROSTARS participants, **Glass America** is comprised of 90 locations across the country.

- Paul Heinauer, President of Glasspro, Inc. is another PROSTARS original participant.
  Paul has been in the business for more than 12 years and currently operates 8 locations in the Greater Charleston, SC area. He has received numerous business honors and achievements including the Entrepreneurial Excellence Award for the state of South Carolina in 2003 and the Charleston Magazine Giving Back Award for the past 4 years.
- Kevin Henn, Executive Vice President for Auto Glass Center, Inc., has been in the
  auto glass business for the 26 years. Auto Glass Center has been in business since 1944
  and operates 79 locations across the U.S.
- Gary Jacobson, Owner/Partner of Glass Source is a 28-year veteran of the auto glass industry, Gary is 24-year veteran of Harmon Auto Glass and former Executive Vice President. He currently serves as President of the MN Glass Association and has been a board member for 3 years. With 2 locations in the Minneapolis, MN area, Glass Source has been in operation and a participating glass shop retailer in PROSTARS since 2003.
- Tim Jimerson, Vice President of Sales for Lee & Cates Glass, Inc, an original PROSTARS glass shop participant retailer has 19 locations in the areas of North Florida and South Georgia. Lee & Cates Glass has been in business for 81 years and is an NGAaccredited business.
- Corey Juhnke, Owner of Auto Glass Express, is another original participant organization from PROSTARS' launch in 1999. Corey is a 14-year veteran of the auto glass industry and operates in the Spokane, WA area of the country. He is a certified Continuing Education Instructor. Auto Glass Express was the inaugural and continues to be the only AAA-certified glass shop retailer in the state of WA.
- Barry Lintner, Owner/Partner of Lloyd's Glass & Glass Services of the South LLC
  has 36 years in the glass business. Barry has been with Lloyd's Glass for the past 7 years
  and is a partner in 4 Lloyd's Glass locations in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton/Destin area of
  the Florida Panhandle. Prior to his relocation to Florida, Barry owned 2 California based
  companies and served on Harmon's Business Development Team while living in
  Pittsburgh. Barry is a certified Continuing Education Instructor.

- John Webb, President of Deals Auto Glass Service, Inc. has been in business for 15 years and currently operates one location in North Carolina and another in South Carolina. John is a past member of the NGA Auto Glass Certification Committee and past member of the North Carolina Glass Association's Board of Directors. He has been a member of the PROSTARS Leadership Council since it was formed in 2003 and Deals Auto Glass Service was the first participant in the PROSTARS glass shop alliance in the state of North Carolina.
- Rod Williams, previously an NGA Master Technician is owner of Horizon Auto Glass, in the Albuquerque, NM market. Rod has been in business with Horizon Auto Glass for 6 years and is certified by the state of New Mexico to teach Insurance Continuing Education Courses and has been a PROSTARS participant since 2003. Previous to opening Horizon Auto Glass, Rod was a Manager for Harmon Auto Glass in the New Mexico area for 9 years. In addition to Horizon Auto Glass, Rod also owns Best Tinting and RV Glass Service.
- Lisa Wolf, President of Mel's Auto Glass, Inc. In business since 1987 and a Continuing Education for Insurance Agents Instructor since inception of the CE program. Mel's Auto Glass covers Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern KY, and Southeastern Indiana.
- Kevin Zeiss, Auto Glass Department General Manager for Mesko Glass. With 6 locations in the Wilkes Barre/Scranton area of Northeastern PA, Mesko Glass has been in operation for 77 years and part of the original group of PROSTARS participants. Kevin is a certified Continuing Education Instructor for Insurance Agents, a New Employee Trainer for Mesko Glass and a member of the company's Safety Committee.

Introduced in 1999, PROSTARS was developed to help independent glass shop retailers better compete in the marketplace. PROSTARS participants have access to some of the most powerful sales, marketing and business development tools ever built for the auto glass industry. PROSTARS is a nationwide, independent alliance of certified auto glass professionals who back their work with a national warranty. To learn more about safe, quality, professional auto glass repair and replacement, or to find a PROSTARS location near you, visit www.ppgprostars.com and use the dealer locator, or call 1-866-2-THEPRO.

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