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**New Engineered Foundation Systems May
End Defects in Factory-Built Homes**

ESCONDIDO, CA—Sure Safe EFS announced the national availability of its new engineered foundation systems (EFS).

Art Angelo, Sure Safe EFS president & CEO, said the system has been in test-use since 1994 and has proven to eliminate defects caused by improper setting of modular and HUD-Code homes on faulty foundations.

Angelo's announcement came a few days after the release of the Fannie Mae MH Select Initiative at the Manufactured Housing's Institute's 19th Annual Congress at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas. The Fannie Mae initiative states, "If a manufactured (HUD-Code home) looks site built and has financing like site-built, the mortgage supporting the asset will perform like site-built".

Key provisions in the initiative call for a high-quality MH product by Fannie Mae and specifies a permanent foundation under the factory-built homes. According to some experts the Sure Safe EFS foundation is said to hold the key to "fault-free HUD-Code home installations." One expert even termed it to be the, "Most clever solution to creating permanent foundations for factory-built homes."

Angelo explained that the foundation incorporates a Steel ButtressTM foundation that has performed flawlessly since 1994. The foundation can be installed in a matter of four to six hours with the cost running at a low four figure range compared to many other systems, most of which are not compliant, but often cost up to \$25,000 or more.

Angelo said the basic premise of the Sure Safe EFS System is to engage the natural laws of physics by allowing gravity to dynamically transfer the load of the HUD-Code and modular buildings to the footings. The first step in this process is to pre-level the home on temporary supports. Then, the galvanized steel buttress piers are structurally connected to the I-beams or floors under the structure with the bottom of the piers suspended above the grade about three to five inches.

Once all of the steel buttresses are in place below the home the base of the steel piers are inserted into the geotextile form footing bags three to five inches above the grade.

Next, ready-mixed concrete is pumped into the form bags. This brings the Steel Buttress piers into perfect alignment with the center of gravity as the form footing bag literally molds itself to the exact shape of the ground below.

Not only will the Sure Safe EFS Foundation System work with new homes but it also has been successfully tested on scores of existing HUD-Code homes around the nation with equally successful results.

Frequently when HUD-Code or modular homes are set improperly on non-level foundations, a considerable number of defects occur such as cracked drywall, sticking doors and windows and uneven floors. The Sure Safe EFS is warranted to maintain the home dead-level so non-level defects almost cannot happen.

Still another reason to have a properly set HUD-Code home is the new Dispute Resolution Program announced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This new program makes all parties in the home manufacturing and delivery system, which includes manufacturers, transporters, setters and dealer/builders, responsible for resolving complaints raised by homeowners. Some penalties are severe.

"We believe," says Angelo, "the use of the Sure Safe EFS System under homes will make a vast improvement in the quality of modular and HUD-Code homes for all of the people who buy them."

Angelo also said that distributorships now are available both domestically and in some foreign lands for the Sure Safe EFS Foundation System.

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