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## **Back-to-School: OFM Chairs, Shelves Certified as Environmentally Safe for Children**

*Furniture made with non-toxic products to improve indoor air-quality in schools and  
other educational facilities*

**Holly Springs, N.C.** – OFM announced today they have two additional product lines that now meet Greenguard certification requirements and are environmentally safe for children and schools. OFM is one of the nation’s leading office and school furniture manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers. A family-owned company, OFM sells desks, chairs and shelves to school systems across North America.

“We have other seating that’s already Greenguard certified, but now we’ve added our new Net Series line of chairs as well as all of our wire shelving products to our list,” said Abel Zalberg, co-founder and chief executive officer of OFM. “These products come with a guarantee they are environmentally safe for children and are perfect furniture items for any school setting.”

OFM’s Rico Series of stack chairs as well as three other stackable chair options, its X5 wire shelving units and its new Net Series of school and office chairs have all been approved by the Greenguard Environmental Institute for its Children and Schools Certified label.

The certification program involves a set of stringent standards to guarantee that furniture and other products do not negatively affect indoor air quality in buildings where children and other sensitive populations spend long periods of time. Products must be certified by the nonprofit institute to qualify and undergo quality monitoring four times per year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, World Health Organization and other health organizations say that indoor air pollution is one of the greatest risks to human health. Children are particularly sensitive especially at school where they spend a lot time each day. Some experts estimate that the indoor air at schools can be two to five times more polluted than outdoor air.

“OFM prides itself on affordable, high-quality furniture and the Greenguard certification allows us to make sure we are meeting the high standards that we set for ourselves,” adds Zalberg. “High indoor air quality has become a concern for all kinds of consumers, but we feel it’s especially important for children and schools to maintain.”

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**About OFM, Inc.**

Founded in 1995, OFM is one of the nation's leading office and school furniture manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers with headquarters in Holly Springs, N.C. and operations in Phoenix, Ariz., and Taiwan. OFM contracts with manufacturers in Mexico, Taiwan and China to design furniture and products that meet the highest industry standards. It specializes in providing affordable, quality furniture through a dealer network to businesses, government offices, health care and educational facilities. OFM products are sold through a variety of retailers, mail-order catalogs and online dealers including Officefurniture.com, Corporate Express, and National Business Furniture. To learn more about OFM, visit: <http://www.ofmin.com>