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Yet Another LEED Certified Authority at KAHickman Architects and Interior Designers

Round Rock, TX, September 15, 2008 — KAHickman Architects and Interior Designers, a 25 year old Round Rock founded firm, announces the success of its newest LEED certified team member. On Saturday, Mike Vermeeren sat for and aced the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification exam. Vermeeren focused on classes concerning energy efficient and environmental design throughout his architectural studies. Now, building on this belief that environmentally responsible design and development makes sense for everyone, the certification further enhances his Masters in Architecture degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance, sustainable building. Among other attributes, LEED buildings assess site planning, water management, energy use, material use, air quality and innovation in the design process.

For Keith Hickman, Founder and Principal of KAHickman Architects and Interior Designers, also LEED certified, the commitment to greener building practices reflects the company's purpose: to enhance communities, enrich lives, and create extraordinary environments.

"According to the U.S. Green Building Council, buildings are responsible for 39 percent of CO2 emissions in the United States, which directly affects climate change. Further, these buildings use 71 percent of the nation's electricity every year. But," Hickman continues to note, "case studies show that LEED buildings consume *half* the energy of these conventional buildings. It is time to create new traditions and we are excited to have Vermeeren and his fresh knowledge on our team."

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