

**For Immediate Release:**



**9 to 5 Seating Earns GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification**

**Rancho Dominguez, California - June 1, 2010** - Today 9 to 5 Seating announced its entire product line earned GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification issued by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI). The Southern California based manufacturer of ergonomic office seating has strived to use low emitting materials for fabrication of all products and was pleased to find those efforts rewarded with today's announcement of GREENGUARD Certification.

GREENGUARD Certification is broadly recognized and accepted by a number of "green" building programs, including the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED® green building rating system. The not-for-profit GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) is an ANSI Authorized Standards Developer, establishing acceptable indoor standards for indoor products environments and buildings. The industry-independent certification is designed to protect human health by improving indoor air quality.

With adults spending nearly 90% of their time indoors – where pollutant levels can be two to five times higher than outdoor air – achieving good indoor air quality has become a concern for most office furniture purchasing agents and end users. Elevated levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) can cause short- and long-term health issues ranging from triggering asthma and allergy attacks to neurological and respiratory disease. GREENGUARD Certified products show significant reduction in both the individual chemicals emitting from the products as well as the overall levels of chemicals being released.

"GREENGUARD Certified products help create healthier indoor environments," said Henning Bloech, GEI's executive director. "We applaud 9 to 5 Seating for demonstrating their commitment to health and sustainability by attaining the certification."

Those dealers and designers selling 9 to 5 Seating's thoughtfully designed and competitively priced products can now look forward to generating LEED points by specifying the company's products.

**About 9 to 5 Seating**

9 to 5 Seating, founded in 2001, is the mid-market seating division of Cyrus Business Furniture which has served the office furniture industry since 1982. 9 to 5 Seating's unique approach to the mid-market includes in house manufacturing of components normally purchased by other manufacturers. In the company's 310,000 sq/ft of manufacturing space processes such as foam & plastic injection molding, electrostatic wood pressing, CNC routing, metal stamping and quality testing are all performed on in-house equipment owned and operated solely by 9 to 5 Seating. This highly involved approach yields the ability to stand independent of suppliers as one organization committed to converting the finest raw materials into high quality office seating solutions with substantial cost savings which are always passed onto the consumer.



### **About GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI)**

The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute aims to protect human health and improve quality of life by enhancing indoor air quality and reducing people's exposure to chemicals and other pollutants. As an ISO-IEC Guide 65:1996 accredited, third-party organization, the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute certifies products and materials for low chemical emissions and provides a resource for choosing healthier products and materials for indoor environments.

The more than 200,000 GREENGUARD Certified products must meet stringent; third-party standards for low chemical emissions based on established health standards and undergo rigorous testing and verification processes on a regular basis. GREENGUARD Certification is broadly recognized and accepted by a number of "green" building programs, including the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED® program.

An online guide of GREENGUARD Certified products is available at no charge at [www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org).

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