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# Crystal Pacific Celebrates Grand Opening

– New 116,000-ft<sup>2</sup> Factory Signals Resurgence of Fenestration Industry and Riverside, CA –

**RIVERSIDE, CA May 15, 2012** – Crystal Pacific Window & Door Systems celebrated the Grand Opening of its Riverside, CA factory and corporate headquarters with a special event on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new company, which also operates sales and distribution offices in South El Monte and San Diego, produces vinyl windows and doors for markets in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada. The vinyl window manufacturer's Grand Opening event was attended by about 100 guests, including home improvement contractors, builders, building product distributors, suppliers and notable government officials and local business leaders.



Above: Crystal Pacific President Thomas Chen (center, with scissors) and Executive VP Steve Chen (far right) cut ribbon at the Grand Opening. Below: Crystal Pacific General Manager Randy Dasalla (holding window frame) explains window fabrication to Grand Opening guests during factory tour.



The Crystal Pacific Grand Opening event featured welcome remarks on behalf of the Crystal “Family of Companies” by Steve Chen, Executive Vice President and son of company owner and founder Thomas Chen. Other speakers included Riverside City Councilmember Mike Gardner and Riverside Chamber of Commerce Chairman Brian Hawley, who respectively presented certificates on behalf of Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge and US Congressman Ken Calvert. The company also received recognition from Riverside County Supervisor Bob Buster.

The Crystal Pacific Grand Opening also marked the growing resurgence of the Riverside, CA business community and the creation of new jobs. The San Bernardino/Riverside regional economy was hit hard by the recent recession, but of late companies are relocating and expanding in the area. Crystal Pacific joins Carbon LITE, AMA Plastics, Castle Cooke, Dr. Pepper/Snapple and Meridian Food Services as firms that have chosen Riverside, CA as their new home.

Crystal Pacific has created new jobs and currently employs approximately 30 workers at the factory, where vinyl windows for both replacement and new construction applications are fabricated. Crystal Pacific's factory and headquarters are located in an 116,000-ft<sup>2</sup> industrial building on a 9-acre site at 1850 Atlanta Avenue in Riverside, CA. Previously the property was a production facility for Goldshield, Inc., a subsidiary of Fleetwood Enterprises, a manufacturer of recreational vehicles and manufactured homes.

During his remarks, Steve Chen called Crystal Pacific's actions “not just the opening of another run-of-the-mill business.” He continued, “A major new factory and business venture is especially significant in light of the continued poor national economy and the still-struggling fenestration industry. For this successful East Coast

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manufacturer to put a several million dollar 'stake in the ground' to produce windows for the remodeling and new construction markets is a signal that the real estate, construction and building materials industries in the region are on the upswing."

Crystal President Thomas Chen added, "While other window manufacturers continue to close factories and curtail operations, I'm extremely pleased that Crystal can announce expansion, growth and job creation!"

Guests at the Grand Opening were also treated to a factory tour and witnessed demonstrations of vinyl window production using the company's state-of-the-art automated vinyl welding, "corner cleaning" and insulated glass fabrication equipment. Continuous flat screen slide show presentations told the national Crystal story, and music, food and beverages rounded out the late afternoon event.

Thomas Chen, the founder and president of Crystal Pacific Window & Door Systems, is also the owner, founder and president of national award-winning Crystal Window & Door Systems. The company, ranked among the top window manufacturers in North America, manufactures vinyl and aluminum windows and doors and high-end fenestration systems. Crystal Windows is headquartered in New York City and has window production and aluminum extrusion facilities in New York, Chicago and the St. Louis area. Crystal Windows has a strong and growing presence in New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states. Mr. Chen's Crystal "Family of Companies" also includes an ornamental fence fabricator located in New Jersey and a solar power subsidiary headquartered in New York City.

Thomas Chen is a self-made American entrepreneur success story. Immigrating from Taiwan in 1980 with little money, a high school education and speaking no English, Thomas has gone on to build through hard work and perseverance a major vertically integrated national fenestration company and many related affiliates. In total, the Crystal corporate "family" employs approximately 600 people nationally.



Crystal Pacific President Thomas Chen (left) receives a certificate of recognition from Riverside City Council Member Mike Gardner

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Crystal Pacific Window & Door Systems, based in Riverside, CA, manufactures quality, energy efficient residential vinyl window and sliding glass door products for the Southern California, Arizona and Nevada new construction, remodeling and property management industries. For more information about Crystal Pacific and its products, call 951-779-9300 or visit [www.crystalpacificwindow.com](http://www.crystalpacificwindow.com).