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**NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS SIGNS DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PARTNERS' MINORITY STAKE IN MEXICAN MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

**HOUSTON (Dec. 8, 2004)** – NCI Building Systems, Inc. (NYSE: NCS) today announced the signing of a definitive purchase agreement to acquire its partners' 49% minority stake in its manufacturing facility in Monterey, Mexico. Consideration for the transaction, which the Company expects to consummate on December 13, 2004, is \$10 million cash.

“We are pleased to announce this agreement to purchase our operations in Monterey, which will enhance our ability to meet growing commercial and industrial demand for large and small engineered building systems,” stated A.R. Ginn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NCI. “We expect that our enhanced control over this operation will enable us to increase its efficiency and profitability. This facility is our largest manufacturing operation for our innovative and patented Long Bay System™, which we designed specifically for the large-scale building market. Well located to serve both our eastern and western manufacturing operations, our skilled and well-trained employees consistently produce among our highest quality products using state-of-the-art equipment. Because of these attributes and the scale of our manufacturing operations, this facility significantly contributes to our ability to implement our low-cost operating strategy.”

This release contains forward-looking statements concerning our business and operations. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and our actual performance may differ materially from that projected in such statements. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are industry cyclicality and seasonality, fluctuations in demand and prices for steel, the financial condition of our raw material suppliers, competitive activity and pricing pressure, ability to execute our acquisition strategy and general economic conditions affecting the construction industry. These and other factors that could affect our financial position and results of operations are described in further detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We expressly disclaim any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect any changes in our expectations.

NCI Building Systems, Inc. is one of North America's largest integrated manufacturers of metal products for the nonresidential building industry. The Company operates manufacturing and distribution facilities located in 16 states and Mexico.

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