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## TREND MARINE'S LAMINATED GLASS CAPABILITIES OPEN NEW MARKETS

### ***World-leading leisure marine glass producer has a comprehensive portfolio of class compliant chemically toughened glass solutions***

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. – Oct. 2, 2012 – Superyacht glazing specialist, Trend Marine Products has invested in excess of USD1.3M during the past 18 months, in sag bending, chemical toughening and enhancements to its laminating facility. A member of the U.S.-based Taylor Made Group, the company offers a comprehensive range of glass solutions responding to all of the glazing needs of the leisure marine market.

Justifying the investment in response to the demands of the OEM and superyacht markets for large format bi-curvature windows as well as chemically toughened glass was an easy decision for Trend's management. The leading yacht builders insist on chemically toughened laminated glass for their most prestigious projects, and Trend's new equipment compliments current capabilities and ensures it is ideally placed to meet the need.

The capabilities of the UK based producer of glass products now include laminated as well as monolithic glass. Both heat toughened and chemically toughened glass, meeting the leisure marine industry's stringent requirements, are now standard product offerings.

In its laminated glass portfolio Trend produces flat, simple curved and complex bi-curvature glass. Employing the latest glass bending technologies as well as polymer-based interlayer systems from Bridgestone® and DuPont®, large format curved laminated units are a major feature of their expanding range. As well as laminated mono-glazed systems, Trend also manufactures custom double-glazed units, which are the norm for explorer and luxury yachts and where enhanced noise insulation is required.

The laminated glass can be specified for bridge applications, helm stations, saloons, hull glazing, skylights, balustrades, Jacuzzi and pool walls and patio doors.

The polymer interlayer technologies used by Trend offer significant advantages compared to the traditional bonding methods. Key amongst these are excellent visual clarity, stability across a wide temperature range, hydrophobic qualities, no hazing or discolouration, and a proven reduction in IR/UV transmission. The integrity of the laminated solutions has been demonstrated over years in the field, as well as through Trend's rigorous testing and validation process.

Following the major investment, focused business development has resulted in winning some major supply contracts with leading superyacht yards across the globe, and Trend is poised to further expand production.

#### **About Trend Marine Products Ltd**

Part of the Taylor Made Group of companies, Trend Marine Products Limited is the world's leading manufacturer of marine glazing systems and door systems. Employing 200 people at its 5-acre site in north-east Norfolk UK, the company principally operates in the marine sector and has supplied major UK boat manufacturers for many years, beginning with Fairline and Princess in 1975, Sunseeker in 1979 and Sealine in 1986. In the last decade, expansion has been principally in export markets with new customers being diverse in range and including Groupe Bénéteau, Hanse, Bavaria, Westport, Horizon, Riviera, Gulf Craft, Marquis Yachts, Searay, Lazzara and Palmer Johnson. Trend Marine has recently acquired sag bending and chemical toughening equipment to support its increasing number of superyacht customers.

#### **About the Taylor Made Group, LLC**

Headquartered in Gloversville, N.Y., Taylor Made Group, LLC has more than 100 years of experience as one of the recreational marine industry's largest, most diversified suppliers to boatbuilders and the aftermarket. The Taylor Made Group includes Taylor Made Products, Taylor Made Systems, Taylor Made Glass Systems, Ameritex Fabric Systems, Trend Marine Products Limited, Taylor Made Glass & Systems Limited, Water Bonnet and Taylorbrite. The Group operates 8 facilities in the United States, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom and Mexico. Employing more than 1000 associates, its products are distributed through a worldwide distribution network.

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