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Stuart C. Irby Co. Promotes Don Corley

JACKSON, Miss. (April 25, 2007) – Stuart C. Irby Co., one of the nation’s largest regional electrical distributors and a subsidiary of Sonepar USA, has named Don Corley as vice president of purchasing and inventory management. Corley will lead company negotiations with all suppliers and oversee the companies purchasing and inventory management system.

Corley has more than 35 years experience in purchasing and inventory management. Since 1991, he held previous positions at Irby as director of purchasing and inventory management as well as in sales, purchasing and operations management within the utility division. He also has responsibility as Irby’s Emergency and Disaster Recovery Leader. He was formerly with Rural Electric Cooperative for 19 years, where his work in purchasing and inventory management was recognized for exceptional performance.

“Don’s success in vendor negotiations, purchasing and inventory management is well documented. He plays a vital role in the company’s emergency response program helping our customers navigate through storm-related emergencies and disasters. During Hurricane Katrina, Don went beyond the call of duty working tirelessly for weeks after the storm to ensure our customers had the right materials to restore power to those in need,” said company president

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Michael C. Wigton. “We are confident we’ll grow even stronger with a sound purchasing and inventory management system under his leadership,” said Wigton.

Corley is a member of the Utility Supply Management Alliance, North American Association of Utility Distributors, National Association of Electrical Distributors and Utility Purchasing Management Group. Corley is a native of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Irby, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, operates 60 branches in 17 states and is one of the largest regional distributors in the United States. The employees of Irby serve customers in four major market segments – industrial, contractor, commercial and utility – with innovative products and services.

Sonepar is a privately owned independent group with headquarters located in Paris (France). Sonepar is a world leader in the distribution of electrical equipment. With operations in 29 countries across four continents, the group’s 22,600 employees and 1,330 branches generate annual sales over 9.45 billion (EUROS), or \$12.7 billion (U.S).

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Stuart C. Irby Company was founded in 1926 and is based in Jackson, Mississippi with more than 900 employees in 60 locations in 17 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New Mexico, New

York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas). To find out more, go to www.irby.com or www.sonepar-usa.com.
