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BENTLEY PRINCE STREET BECOMES CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY'S FIRST *CLIMATE ACTION LEADER*™ OF 2004

LOS ANGELES, California – Bentley Prince Street is the first company this year to certify their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory with the California Climate Action Registry, thus earning the title of *Climate Action Leader*™ of 2004. Bentley Prince Street joined the Registry as a Charter Member in 2002, and is now publicly reporting their certified GHG emissions for 2002 and 2003 through the Registry's website at www.climateregistry.org. Bentley Prince Street's new status as a *Climate Action Leader* is the latest achievement in the company's exemplary environmental commitment that includes reducing the emissions which lead to global warming.

The Registry's voluntary program boasts over 40 members representing a wide range of California's large and small businesses, government agencies and national environmental organizations. All Registry members are required to report GHG emissions in California, and may also include emissions from operations outside of the state.

The reported emissions undergo third-party certification, which contributes to the standardization, credibility and transparency of the reporting program. Maintaining an exceptional level of data integrity, the Registry's guidelines are considered the gold-standard for GHG accounting.

"Bentley Prince Street is demonstrating environmental leadership and taking a stand on climate change by calculating, reporting and certifying their greenhouse gas emissions" said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry. "We applaud Bentley Prince Street for becoming the first *Climate Action Leader* of 2004."

Along with being a charter member of the Registry, Bentley Prince Street has developed a number of innovative environmental policies focused on reducing their GHG emissions. For example, they are the first carpet manufacturer to offer a completely climate neutral product, aptly named Cool Carpet™. By purchasing Cool Carpet™, customers are offsetting the

greenhouse gas emissions of the product and its lifecycle. All GHG emission reductions from the company's projects are validated by the Climate Neutral Network.

Bentley Prince Street is also the world's first commercial carpet maker to use solar power to manufacture carpet. They have one of the largest privately-owned photovoltaic arrays in the country installed at their City of Industry plant. With the purchase of electricity from renewable sources, Bentley Prince Street is offsetting the GHG emissions from all of their electricity use.

"Being a member of the Registry supports our sustainability goal of eliminating harmful emissions, and also protects our early actions of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the event of future credit trading opportunities or regulation – it's a win-win situation," says Anthony Minitte, president of Bentley Prince Street.

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Bentley Prince Street is a leading manufacturer of floorcoverings for corporate, healthcare, hospitality, institutional, residential and retail interiors. All Bentley Prince Street brands are defined by leadership in product design, style, and customer service. Bentley Prince Street offers classic styling and imaginative textures in a wide variety of backing options. Based in Los Angeles County, CA, Bentley Prince Street is a part of Interface, Inc., a global provider of floorcoverings and textiles for commercial interiors. www.bentleyprincestreet.com

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 40 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org