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**YKK AP America Continues Growth and Innovation with
Creation of New Positions in its Commercial Business**

Gilbert and Warden to lead strategic efforts in the impact resistant, blast mitigation and superior energy efficiency building markets

AUSTELL, Ga. — January 26, 2010 — [YKK AP](#) America, the leader in manufacturing high quality [architectural products](#), today announced the creation of two new positions to further reinforce and expand its ProTek and enerGfacade product families. YKK AP announced Mike Gilbert as brand manager of its hurricane and blast mitigation line of commercial products, [ProTek](#). David Warden was announced brand manager of its recently launched [enerGfacade](#) family, the highly energy efficient fenestration line.

In their new strategic roles, Gilbert and Warden will focus on product positioning as well as offer training and education in the marketplace about the growing relevance and important role of fenestration in the protection and energy efficiency of the built environment. A leader in social responsibility and the environment, with these new roles YKK AP takes further action to reduce carbon emissions and increase recycled material content.

“By creating these new strategic roles, we are further reinforcing YKK AP’s products and services in the hurricane, blast mitigation and energy efficient product markets,” said Oliver Stepe, senior vice president of YKK AP America. “The new positions allow us to better serve customers, architects and building owners in understanding and making informed decisions in the increasingly sophisticated aspects of building design, security and energy-efficiency. With a new year and a new investment in resources, we look forward to further establishing YKK AP as the undisputed leader in the high-quality and value-added segments of the fenestration market.”

Gilbert joined YKK AP in 1993 as a customer service representative and for the past 12 years has helped Georgia’s architects and glazing contractors in his position of architectural sales representative. He obtained his Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certification to assist the industry in the writing and management of construction documents.



Before his assignment to enerGfacade brand manager, Warden held numerous positions at YKK AP, including product marketing engineer, applications engineer and special projects engineer.

About YKK AP America

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, window walls, sunshades, windows and sliding doors for office buildings, residential high-rises, schools, stadiums, shopping centers and institutional structures. All building products are manufactured in ISO 14001 certified facilities in Dublin, Georgia – a standard for businesses that operate in a sustainable manner by reducing pollution and waste. The company has also been recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for Exceptional Leadership in Industrial Energy Efficiency. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga. It is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America, whose parent company is global manufacturer YKK Corporation of Japan. For more information, visit www.ykkap.com.

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