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### NEW CHAPTER BEGINS FOR LINCOLN WINDOWS

**Merrill, WI. (August 24, 2011)** – On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Lincoln Windows final assembly plant and corporate offices were severely damaged by a category EF3 tornado that went through Merrill, Wisconsin. Less than 4 months after the tornado struck, on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2010, Lincoln employees and contractors celebrated the completion of the rebuilding with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Initial estimates indicated that the plant would be facing a 6 month shutdown for major repairs. Fortunately, the Lincoln management team chose a very aggressive reconstruction plan resulting in an earlier completion date while simultaneously allowing some production to remain in the plant.

The process wasn't without challenges. Construction crews and Lincoln employees had to deal with limited communication capability, cold weather, rain and even snow. As if the physical challenges weren't enough, the company was struck an emotional blow when Jane Bierman, Lincoln's owner and co-founder, passed away at the age of 91.

The hardships shared by the employees have brought everyone together and strengthened the family atmosphere that Carl & Jane Bierman always sought. This ribbon cutting became more than just celebrating the completion of a large project, it marked a symbolic starting point for a new beginning, a fresh optimistic outlook for the future and the opportunity to continue the Bierman legacy.

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