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Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies Acquires South Texas Chain

PHOENIX, Jan. 4, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Leslie's Poolmart, Inc., the world's largest retailer of swimming pool and spa supplies, is excited to announce the acquisition of Warehouse Pools, Inc. The acquisition includes the operation of 24 Warehouse Pool Supply retail stores and the warehouse and corporate offices of Ram Chemical and Supply.

Warehouse Pools, Inc., under the ownership of the Gus Andrews family, has been serving customers since 1982. During those thirty years, the ownership and employees have consistently provided great value and excellent service for swimming pool and spa customers in Greater Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, and McAllen, Texas.

"We are very excited to reach an agreement with Leslie's Poolmart, Inc., to acquire our company," says John Andrews, President of Warehouse Pools, Inc. "We've known Leslie's for many years and respect that they, too, are committed to quality, value, and outstanding customer service. I believe that our team's strengths will be complementary to the combined businesses."

Debbie Harper-Andrews, Executive Vice President of Warehouse Pools, Inc., commented, "We are so proud of what our team has helped us build over the past thirty years. Leslie's is an organization with a terrific record of growth because they do things right. As we transition our father's legacy, we do so knowing that Leslie's is going to take care of our customers and employees."

Customers who have previously shopped at Warehouse Pool Supply stores can count on the same great people, value and superior customer service that they have come to expect. Warehouse Pools, Inc., as a subsidiary of Leslie's nationwide chain, will now be able to offer even more services and products to better meet the needs of pool and spa owners in south Texas.

"We are thrilled to add the outstanding associates from Warehouse Pools, Inc. to the Leslie's team," says Larry Hayward, Leslie's Chairman and CEO. "They are among the most skilled and knowledgeable in the business. Through new store openings and acquisitions, Leslie's is continuing to expand its mission of providing the best value and customer service in the swimming pool industry. We look forward to the combined teams delivering the utmost expertise and effective solutions for our customers in Houston and south Texas," Hayward added.

About Leslie's Poolmart, Inc.

For over 50 years, pool owners have trusted the experts at Leslie's for the solutions they need to keep their pool and spa clean, safe, and ready to enjoy. Leslie's is the world's

largest retailer of pool and spa supplies. The company markets its products through 770 retail and commercial service stores nationwide, as well as through catalog (800-LESLIES) and internet sales (lesliespool.com).

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