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**HARTMARX CORPORATION APPOINTS MICHAEL S.PARKER GROUP PRESIDENT OF
HARTMARX TAILORED DIVISION**

Chicago, January 3, 2008 – Hartmarx Corporation (NYSE: HMX) announced today that Michael S. Parker has been named Group President of HMX Tailored. Parker will report to Homi B. Patel, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hartmarx Corporation. Parker replaces Rich Biegel who left the company in July, 2007.

“We are thrilled to have Michael on board as we complete the transformation of our tailored business.” Patel said. “While it is no secret that we have been restructuring this category, we now have someone in place with extensive experience marketing to department stores, who understands how to make that a profitable distribution channel for our company. Michael’s past experience will be invaluable in this effort.”

Parker’s professional experience over the last twenty years spans both the tailored and sportswear categories. Most recently, he was Vice President, National Accounts at Peerless Clothing International where he managed and worked with a broad array of retailers. Prior to that, he was President of P.B.M.’s Bremen trouser division. Parker, who started his career as an account executive for Tommy Hilfiger sportswear in 1990 has worked for Lacoste Sportswear and spent five years from 1997 to 2002 as Vice President of Lanier Clothing at Oxford Industries.

Parker said, “I am thrilled to be part of an organization like Hartmarx which has set the standard for upscale, quality clothing in this industry for over 100 years. I am anxious to further develop and grow their department and specialty store business with the wide array of brands in the HMX tailored division. ”

Hartmarx produces and markets business, casual and golf apparel under its own brands, including Hart Schaffner Marx, Hickey Freeman, Palm Beach, Copley, Monarchy, Manchester Escapes, Society Brand, Racquet Club, Naturalife, Pusser’s of the West Indies, Brannoch, Sansabelt, Exclusively Misook, Barrie Pace, Eye, Christopher Blue, Pine IV, Worm, One Girl Who..., Zooey by alice heller and b.chyll. In addition, the Company has certain exclusive rights under licensing agreements to market selected products under a number of premier brands such as Austin Reed, Tommy Hilfiger, Burberry men’s tailored clothing, Ted Baker, Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus, Claiborne, Pierre Cardin, Perry Ellis, Lyle & Scott, Golden Bear, Jag and

Starrington. The Company's broad range of distribution channels includes fine specialty and leading department stores, value-oriented retailers and direct mail catalogs.