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## Bonnell Aluminum Announces Startup of Highly Anticipated Large Extrusion Press

Greater capabilities offering new opportunities for aluminum extrusions

**Newnan, Ga.—December 17, 2009**—Committed to serving the growing demand from its key customers and strategic markets, Bonnell Aluminum, North America's premier aluminum extrusion supplier to the building and construction markets, announced the startup of the industry's first and largest aluminum extrusion press specifically engineered to produce architectural-quality profiles for prominent exposed applications up to 16 inches wide.

This 5,500-ton, state-of-the-art aluminum extrusion press was installed at the company's manufacturing facility in Carthage, Tennessee, in a new building covering 70,000 square feet.

Built by the Italian manufacturer PRESEZZI and using the latest technologies in handling systems from OMAV, this press enables many new design opportunities for those who are seeking larger extruded profiles and more design freedom. These expanded and unique capabilities address a long-awaited demand from the building and construction market.

Time-lapsed camera shots of the project are available on the company's website at <a href="http://www.bonlalum.com/Login/SlsMfg/PressProgress.jsp">http://www.bonlalum.com/Login/SlsMfg/PressProgress.jsp</a>.

"This capability for commercial architectural applications in this large size range is not available anywhere else in North America and will enhance Bonnell Aluminum's recognition as the premier supplier of products to curtain wall, walkway cover, storefront, and automatic entry door manufacturers," commented Ira Endres, director of sales and marketing. "It is a very exciting time for the company and our customers."

Duncan Crowdis, president, concluded, "We now have the ability to offer the building and construction market the largest range of capabilities in the industry. While this press will strengthen our position as a market leader, it will provide our customers new arrays of products, setting them apart from their competitors."

## **About Bonnell Aluminum**

The William L. Bonnell Company Inc. is a subsidiary of Richmond Virginia-based Tredegar Corporation (NYSE:TG) and is North America's premier aluminum extrusion supplier to architectural nonresidential construction markets. The company produces soft-alloy aluminum extrusions primarily for building and construction, distribution, transportation, machinery and equipment, electrical and consumer durables markets.

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