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### **Maxon Furniture Adds Floor-to-Ceiling to Its Highly Versatile Empower Panel System**

Renton, WA (June 12, 2006) — Maxon Furniture's highly versatile Empower Panel System now offers Floor-to-Ceiling panels for quick and cost-efficient construction of private offices, conference rooms, and other secured spaces with lockable doors.

With sound-absorbing and solidly constructed panels in a variety of visually attractive segment options, Empower's new Floor-to-Ceiling can be constructed and reconfigured in a fraction of the time and cost required for hard-wall construction. Moreover, it can be quickly and easily disassembled and reconfigured.

In addition to Floor-to-Ceiling, Empower has added a variety of other new options, including panel-mounted privacy screens to provide an element of visual privacy, perforated steel segments to enhance visual appeal, pass-through segments for quickly sharing documents between workstations, and paper-management accessory segments to improve workspace organization.

"Empower is already one of the most durable, cost-competitive, and versatile panel systems on the market today," according to Maxon Furniture Manager of Product Development Jim Knutson. "The addition of these new offerings further demonstrates our ongoing commitment to continually enhancing Empower's features, functions, and benefits.

### **About Maxon Furniture Inc.**

With over 25 years in the office furniture industry, Maxon Furniture Inc. utilizes lean manufacturing processes and innovative office planning tools to provide small to medium-sized businesses with effective workspace solutions. Through multiple distribution channels, Maxon Furniture offers a full range of quality, cost-efficient, easy-to-install-and-reconfigure panel systems, freestanding furniture, and seating products. Add our customer satisfaction-

driven QuickShip program, and Maxon Furniture sets the standard for quickly getting organizations up and running. Maxon Furniture has been an operating company of the HNI Corporation since 1986.

**About HNI Corporation**

HNI Corporation is the second-largest office furniture manufacturer in North America and the nation's leading manufacturer and marketer of gas- and wood-burning fireplaces. In 2006, *Fortune* magazine recognized HNI as one of America's Most Admired Companies in the furniture industry and, for the eighth consecutive year, as one of the 400 Best Big Companies in America. Also in 2006, and for the fourth consecutive year, *IndustryWeek* magazine named HNI one of the 50 Best U.S. Manufacturers. HNI Corporation's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HNI.

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