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THE GARAGE DOOR DEPOT™ ANNOUNCES SALE OF THREE NEW FRANCHISES IN ONTARIO

The Garage Door Depot™ is pleased to announce that **Steve Wilkins** has acquired the franchises for York Region, Simcoe County and Durham, located in the Province of Ontario.

Steve, his wife Maureen, and their three children, have lived in York Region for over 20 years. Steve, a graduate of York University with a degree in Business worked as a chartered accountant prior to working with other large companies in Ontario. Steve has always wanted to run his own business as he has always enjoyed working with people. With the support of his family, his strong business sense and dedicated hard work, Steve was able to accomplish this goal.

"While working in another industry and preparing to start my own business, I came across many different types of businesses that interested me. **The Garage Door Depot™** is the one that stuck," says Steve. He continues by saying, "I was introduced to **The Garage Door Depot™** through one of our suppliers. I had spoken with the owners and was so impressed by their vision that my business manager and I flew out to Vancouver that same week to meet with them. I read that Canadian Access & Door Systems (of which **The Garage Door Depot™** is a subsidiary) was honored with achieving 96th place among **PROFIT Magazine's Top 200 Fastest-Growing Companies in Canada for 2011**. This achievement along with their great reputation and relationship with large companies such as Costco and Amarr, proved to me that not only do they want to be successful but that they also have strong ethics, business practices and care about the people they deal with."

Working alongside Steve will be his daughter Jacqueline Hall-Fusco as General Manager. Jacqueline graduated with honours in marketing with a focus in entrepreneurial small business. The third member of this management team is Kory McCarthy who is the Manager and Head Technician. Kory has a background in commercial and residential contracting throughout the area.

Patrick Rutten Vice President of Franchising for **The Garage Door Depot™** states, "We look forward to Steve's input, and his assistance in growing the franchise network throughout Canada. He and his team will be a pleasure to work with."

"We are very pleased with the pace at which we are expanding **The Garage Door Depot™** across Canada. Already we have several other potential franchisees ready to come on board in western and eastern Canada and with Steve and his team in place, we now have a beachhead in Ontario from which we can further expand in to other eastern markets," states Dean Carman, President & CEO of **The Garage Door Depot™**

With the sale of these three franchises, it brings the organization to 12 total franchises across Canada.

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About The Garage Door Depot™.

The Garage Door Depot™ was founded to give consumers, garage door dealers and service companies a place to go to view, select and purchase garage doors and related products. Our goal is to give you the best experience possible and to create a leader in the sales, service and supply of all things related to the garage door industry.

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