

## HILLMAN GROUP CAPITAL TRUST ANNOUNCES CASH DISTRIBUTIONS ON TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES

CINCINNATI, June 29, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the "Company" or "Hillman"), - Max W. Hillman, Chief Executive Officer of The Hillman Companies, Inc., announced today that a cash distribution has been declared by Hillman Group Capital Trust for the month of July 2009 in the amount of \$.241667 for each Trust Preferred Security (NYSE-Amex: HLM\_P). Additionally, the Company announced a cash distribution for the months January 2009 through June 30, 2009, with cumulative interest thereon, in the amount of \$1.499856 for each Trust Preferred Security. Both distributions will be payable July 31, 2009 to holders of record July 21, 2009.

On December 22, 2008 the Company announced its decision to temporarily defer the payment of distributions to holders of Trust Preferred Securities to preserve cash and maintain its compliance with the financial covenants contained in its Senior Credit and Subordinated Debt Agreements. The Company was fully compliant with all financial covenants as of the end of the first quarter and remains compliant with the terms of its Senior and Subordinated Debt Agreements. The Indenture that governs the Trust Preferred Securities provided for the ability to temporarily defer distributions but required that the Company accrue the amount of the deferred distributions during the deferral period.

Hillman sells to hardware stores, home centers, pet suppliers, mass merchants, and other retail outlets principally in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and South America. Their product line includes thousands of small parts such as fasteners and related hardware items, keys, key duplication systems, and identification items, such as tags, letters, numbers and signs. Services offered include design and installation of merchandising systems and maintenance of appropriate in-store inventory levels.

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