



Dogwood Equity Announces the Merger and Leveraged Buyout of Park Designs and Bungalow Co.

Raleigh, North Carolina – Dogwood Equity, manager of the North Carolina Economic Opportunities Fund, is pleased to announce that the Fund provided \$5,000,000 of equity financing to support the merger and leveraged buyout of Park Designs and Bungalow to create a new platform gift company, Scout Limited, Inc.

Scout Limited, Inc. is headquartered in Goldsboro, North Carolina, and will leverage the operational excellence of Park Designs as a platform company. “We have assembled all the core resources necessary to extend our business practices to complimentary gift lines and build a business model for the future. It all starts with the alignment of two very talented management teams,” said Ben Johns, CEO of Scout Limited. Both Park Designs and Bungalow will maintain their current business operations from Goldsboro, NC, and Millboro, VA, respectively, and all other key managers for both companies will continue to serve in their current or expanded capacities.

Park Designs (www.parkdesigns.net)

Park Designs is a designer, importer and distributor of textile, giftware and home décor products for the giftware industry. Headquartered in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Park operates out of two facilities totaling 91,000 square feet of warehouse/distribution/office space and employs approximately 63 people. The company sells through a national network of sales representatives and maintains 10 permanent showrooms in 10 cities, servicing more than 9,500 independent retail customers nationwide.

Bungalow Co. (www.bungalowco.com/)

Founded in 2004, Bungalow is a fashion-forward lifestyle designer, importer and manufacturer of decorative flooring, tabletop, bags and home accessories. Bungalow has operations in Millboro, Virginia, where the company maintains a 41,000 square foot manufacturing and warehouse facility. Bungalow currently employs 18 people in Millboro, and contracts with a national network of sales representatives and sells to more than 1,500 independent retailers.

Fifth Third Bank provided the senior debt financing and BB&T Capital Partners/Windsor Mezzanine Fund, LLC provided the mezzanine financing to complete the transaction.

About Dogwood Equity

Dogwood Equity is a \$74 million private equity fund that invests \$1 million to \$7 million in later stage venture capital, growth capital and small MBO or LBO transactions. Dogwood invests primarily in companies located in the state of North Carolina, particularly non-metropolitan areas. Dogwood specifically targets certain sectors including service and distribution, consumer products, technology, medical products, manufacturing and industrial technologies.