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**Husqvarna Announces Creation of Husqvarna Financial Services**  
*Forest, Lawn & Garden Equipment Manufacturer Helps Dealers  
Simplify to Succeed with Single Source Financing Solutions*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. [December 1, 2005]** — Beginning December 1, 2005, Husqvarna dealers will have access to additional financial resources with the creation of Husqvarna Financial Services.

Husqvarna Financial Services is a private-label strategic alliance between Husqvarna, a manufacturer of forest, lawn and garden power equipment, and the Commercial Distribution Finance (CDF) unit of GE Commercial Finance. The agreement provides Husqvarna dealers across the U. S. with a single source for inventory and retail financing and servicing needs while reinforcing Husqvarna’s message of “Simplify to Succeed.”

“The creation of Husqvarna Financial Services fits perfectly with our strategic goal to be a Total Source Solution to our dealers,” said Dave Zerfoss, president of Husqvarna North America. “Dealers will benefit from the fact that Husqvarna Financial Services is a dedicated group with the singular focus of working with dealers to grow their business,” Zerfoss continued. “Husqvarna Financial Services consumer and commercial credit programs will drive more customers into Husqvarna dealer stores and wholesale financing programs will help our dealers to maximize their cash flow.”

Dealers who had previously been working with Electrolux Financial Services will have their accounts transferred to the new entity. CDF has been providing Husqvarna dealers with inventory financing services through Husqvarna since 2003.

“We are thrilled that Husqvarna selected GE as its financing services provider,” said Marvin Solomon, president of CDF’s Outdoor Products Group. “The strategic alliance

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presents an exciting opportunity for CDF to further enhance our offering in the Lawn Care and Farm Equipment industries and help our customers grow their businesses.”

Dealers with questions can contact Husqvarna Financial Services by calling toll-free: 1-800-355-2293.

#### About Husqvarna

Husqvarna, a member of the Electrolux Group, offers forest, lawn and garden power equipment for all applications. The company markets a complete line of chain saws, clearing saws, cut-off saws, and lawn and garden products, including riding and walk-behind mowers, yard and garden tractors, tillers, edgers, brushcutters, grass trimmers, back-pack and hand-held blowers, snow throwers, and commercial turf care equipment. For more information, contact Husqvarna, 7349 Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC, 28269, or visit Husqvarna’s web site at [www.husqvarna.com](http://www.husqvarna.com).

#### About Commercial Distribution Finance

Commercial Distribution Finance specializes in financing the movement of finished consumer goods throughout the distribution chain, serving more than 6,000 manufacturers who sell to over 40,000 retailers. Offerings include inventory finance, accounts receivable financing, asset-based lending, private label financing, collateral management, trade flow financing, e-commerce services and related financial products. For more information, visit CDF’s Web site at [www.gecdf.com](http://www.gecdf.com).

#### About GE Commercial Finance

GE Commercial Finance is the business-to-business finance unit of General Electric. With deep industry expertise and lending, leasing and financing services of every kind, GE Commercial finance plays a key role in helping its customers grow. Conducting business in 35 countries, GE Commercial Finance has assets of over US \$230 billion and is headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut, USA.

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