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VELUX PRODUCTS SELECTED FOR FIRST ACTIVE HOUSE IN USA
Skylights, Sun Tunnel Skylights, and Solar Water Heating System to be Included
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ORLANDO, FL – IBS - FEBRUARY 8, 2012– VELUX® America will supply skylights, Sun Tunnel skylights and a solar water heating system for the first Active House prototype in the United States. The home will be built in the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves and is scheduled for occupancy in September.

Active House USA will balance three key sustainability factors: actively balanced energy consumption, outstanding indoor climate, and positive impact on the surrounding environment.

VELUX Group, the Danish parent company of VELUX America, was involved with the founding of the Active House Alliance in 2010 in Copenhagen Denmark. The Alliance has been involved with the construction of many Active House projects in Europe. Active House design standards meet or exceed four North American sustainable building certifications: Energy Star, EPA Indoor Air Plus, Building America Builder's Challenge and ANSI ICC-700, the NAHB National Green Building Standard.

St. Louis homebuilder Kim Hibbs of Hibbs Homes and consulting partner Matt Belcher of Verdatek Solutions in Wildwood, MO, are partnering with the Active House Alliance to build this custom home. Hibbs says that the 2600 square foot custom home will incorporate industry leading sustainable building practices in the United States with Active House practices developed in Europe "to define the next generation of sustainable building."

Project architect Jeff Day, of Jeff Day & Associates in St. Louis, says that the two-story Webster Groves home will blend visually with the surrounding neighborhood, unlike the more modern styles seen in some European Active House models. "A goal is to build the house with traditional design while incorporating efficiencies that will make utility costs negligible," he says.

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The University of Missouri Columbia Center for Sustainable Design will monitor and document energy data for the home during the first year of occupancy.

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