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## Shaw Industries Opens Manufacturing Plant in China to Serve Asia

*Berkshire Hathaway company expands to meet growing demand  
for commercial carpet tile in Asia*

Dalton, GA, USA – September 13, 2013 – Berkshire Hathaway’s [Shaw Industries Group, Inc.](#) (Shaw) has announced its grand opening of a 210,000-square-foot (20,000-square-meter) carpet tile plant in Nantong, China – a port city 65 miles (105 kilometers) north of Shanghai. This facility offers customers in Asia quicker access to a wider range of completely recyclable, Cradle-to-Cradle-certified products, which are PVC-free and bitumen-free.

“Nantong’s woven textile heritage mirrors the communities in which we’ve manufactured flooring in the southeastern U.S. for more than half a century,” says Shaw Industries Vice President for Asia Pacific Jeff Galloway. “The feeling of being at home in China is due in even larger part to the reception and cooperation we’ve enjoyed from the Nantong government, the officials in the Nantong Suzhou Science and Industrial Park, and all those with whom we’ve done business in China, including our newest Shaw associates.”

Expected to employ approximately 250 at full capacity, over 100 Shaw associates are onboard at this time. The 24”x24” (61 cm x 61 cm) and 18”x36” (45.7 cm x 91.4 cm) products are being designed in Cartersville, Ga., for global markets, utilizing the successful Eco Solution Q fiber, EcoWorx backing systems, and Ecologix carpet cushioning systems. Products manufactured in China will be sold for installation in the growing Asia market and there are no plans to export them back to the U.S.

“Two thirds of the world’s carpet tile is sold outside of North America – the majority in Asia,” says Shaw Industries Chairman and CEO Vance Bell. “Sales in China, in particular, have grown 20 percent annually, making it the world’s third largest carpet-tile-purchasing country. Our new plant expands our opportunity to serve this growing market.”

This plant opening represents Shaw's latest efforts to expand its Asia market presence, which includes showrooms or sales teams in Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangalore and New Delhi. The Nantong facility is pursuing ISO 9001 and 14000 certifications and was constructed to LEED Gold standards for New Construction (certification pending review).

The China facility grand opening follows Shaw's [recent announcement](#) to open a new carpet manufacturing facility in Adairsville, Ga., to support the growth in its carpet tile business.

### **About Shaw**

The world's largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floorcovering provider, Shaw Industries Group, Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer that supplies [carpet](#), [rugs](#), [hardwood](#), [laminates](#), [resilient](#), [tile & stone](#) flooring products and [synthetic turf](#) to residential and commercial markets worldwide. A wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. with more than \$4 billion (USD) in annual sales and 23,000 associates, Shaw is headquartered in Dalton, Georgia, with salespeople and/or offices located throughout the U.S., as well as Australia, Canada, China, India, Mexico, Singapore and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit <http://shawfloors.com/about-shaw>.

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