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**1,600 EXHIBITORS TO SHOWCASE 6,000 FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORY BRANDS AT
WSA SHOW, GLOBAL MARKETPLACE, IN LAS VEGAS FEB. 10 -13, 2006**

*California Cool, Sporting Lifestyle, Comfort, Luxury, Nautical and Preppy Trends in Spotlight for
Upcoming Season*

LOS ANGELES, California, 30 November 2005 – WSA, host of the largest and most comprehensive marketplace for global footwear, handbags and accessories industries, will present a dazzling array of fresh designs, product innovations and next season's emerging trends at its February WSA Show, taking place Feb. 10-13 in Las Vegas, Nevada, America's fastest growing city and the entertainment capital of the world. Unprecedented opportunities abound for those travelling from 90 countries, joining more than 35,000 expected industry participants, to the first major industry event of the season. This international showcase, covering 186,000 square metres, will display the latest design innovations and trends spanning from hip, California Cool street fashions to original Western cowboy culture, from the hottest brands in sporting and athletic footwear, to the retro styling of the lifestyle trend-setters, as well as the largest gathering of high-end luxury brands under one roof at The Collections at WSA.

Diane Stone, chief operating officer of WSA, remarks, "At WSA, we seek most to satisfy the needs of the buyers. This is best done by recruiting the most exciting array of new product from all over the world and presenting it in a convenient, categorized manner. This makes it easy for buyers to shop the show and discover the styles that will excite their customers in the coming year."

The WSA's global appeal will be further enhanced at the February 2006 event by the arrival of a wealth of new exhibitors ranging from Lacoste, Bronx Shoes and Rocket Dog to LeFlesh and Michael Tepperson, which join the highly coveted, luxury and designer showcase at The Collections at WSA.

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“For the world’s leading retail chains, department stores, distributors, boutiques and independents, WSA is a must and first-see event, where formal, outdoor, sports, comfort and high-fashion collections make their debut,” Stone continued. “As the first major show of the season, the WSA Show’s unique cross section of global brands, manufacturers and distributors, as well as “Who’s Who” in the footwear and accessories world, constitutes an essential venue for the international retail trade to track the fashions, innovations and economics which drive business forward.”

Angelo Uriel Hassan, managing director of the Hassan Group, located in Rome, Italy, with shops all over the metropolitan area of Italy’s capital comments, “It takes time for the product developments and styles in the US to reach Europe. WSA gives us the great advantage of seeing the latest styles first hand and making sure that we have the next bestsellers.”

To ensure that visitors get the most out of their time in Las Vegas, both on and off the show floor, WSA has a skilled retail relations team, to assist with pre-show planning, supply information on exhibitors, help set up appointments, and provide support on-site as well as with travel and hospitality arrangements.

The WSA marketplace includes American icons like Chippewa, Chuck Taylor Allstar, K-Swiss, Keds, Levi Strauss, Rockport, Sebago, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger and Wrangler, to name only a few, as well as international stars like, Clarks, Diesel, Ecco, Fila, Filanto, Fly London, Geox, Oakley, Royal Elastics, Sergio Tacchini, Skechers, Speedo and Von Dutch. In addition, more than 300 ultra luxury international designer brands will be on display at The Collections at WSA.

“Not only will buyers have numerous opportunities to establish relationships with manufacturers and designers, they will also have access to educational business seminars that can help to drive their bottom line,” said Stone. “Combined with the excitement of Las Vegas and the Earth Wind & Fire and Chicago concert the first evening of the show, this event can be an integral part of their success.”

To learn more about the exhibitors at WSA and to register for the global footwear and accessories marketplace, please contact Philippe Versluisen in the WSA Milan office at pversluisen@wsashow.com, or by telephone at +39-02-45483834. Additional information on the show may be obtained on the website at www.wsashow.com.

About the World Shoe Association (WSA)

The WSA is the largest association serving the footwear trade. Twice a year in Las Vegas, it hosts the WSA Show, the largest and most comprehensive marketplaces for the footwear industry in the world. The WSA Shows provide a forum for footwear manufacturers, buyers and others allied to the footwear industry to showcase and review designer brand fashions and learn about other related products. With more than 35,000 participants and 6,000+ key brands from all over the world covering 186,000 square metres of space, the WSA Show is the *must-attend* event for buyers of footwear, accessories and others allied to the industry.