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SEC Group, Inc. Announces Merger with HR Green
Professional Services Firm Positioned To Be One of Midwest's Largest

(July 20, 2009) McHenry, IL. – SEC Group, Inc. (SEC), an Illinois-based civil/structural engineering firm, today announced a merger with HR Green, a professional services firm providing expertise in Buildings Services, Community and Technology Resources, Transportation, Water and Wastewater, and Environmental Services on projects throughout the country. The merger creates an organization of nearly 400 skilled professionals with the experience and knowledge to address diverse client needs in both the private and public sectors.

SEC, established in 1981, is a diversified consulting engineering, planning and surveying firm. Since the firm's founding, SEC has grown to offer comprehensive services in the areas of municipal engineering, transportation, structural and construction engineering, water resources and water/wastewater engineering, land development, surveying, and land planning/landscape architecture. HR Green has been providing successful solutions to communities for over 95 years. The firms' commitment to long-term client relationships, cooperation and excellence fully complement each other and form a strong foundation upon which to grow into the future.

"We're extremely excited by the opportunity to join our experience in this market with the added capabilities of HR Green," said John Smith, the founder and CEO of the 120-employee SEC Group organization. "The expanded capabilities in water/wastewater, environmental and buildings bring important capabilities to SEC's clients. The combination of two extremely deep transportation groups will provide us with great depth to help clients across our footprint meet their expanding transportation needs.

"Perhaps most important is the great culture match of our two firms," Smith continued. "I know the leadership of the combined firm will remain absolutely focused on meeting client needs. This was – and I know will be – the primary focus for the leadership of firms as we come together."

The merger is effective immediately. The Illinois divisions of the merged company will be called SEC Group, Inc., An HR Green Company. SEC will continue to operate in its locations in McHenry, Yorkville, New Lenox and Chicago, Illinois. Combining the local and technical expertise of SEC with a full range of resources from HR Green creates a firm designed to deliver even higher levels of service to clients throughout Illinois and the country.

"HR Green is well-known for its expertise and innovation, and this acquisition gives us the opportunity to broaden our exposure to a fast-growing market in Chicago and the surrounding communities." said Rick White, President of HR Green. "Our merger with SEC Group joins two firms with great dedication to clients, and offers all of our clients significantly expanded services."

HR Green is a division of Green Companies, Inc., headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with offices in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and Texas. The firm, a multi-discipline professional services firm offering planning, technical consulting, architectural, engineering and environmental services to clients in diverse market sectors, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Green Companies, Inc.

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