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**BEST ACCESS SYSTEMS MOVES THE MORTISE LOCK INTO THE 21ST CENTURY**

***New Platform-Based Multi Function, 40H Mortise Lock Enables Simplicity of Installation and Interoperability with Other Electronic Security Products***

**Indianapolis, IN – August 30, 2005** – Best Access Systems, a division of Stanley Security Solutions, Inc., and a provider of access and security solutions, today announced what it expects will represent a new generation of one of the most enduring and time honored mechanical locks, the 40H mortise lock. The 40H mortise lock is the first in a suite of locking systems Best will introduce in the near future that operate on a platform based architecture, designed to operate across mechanical, electromechanical, and electronic product applications. The 40H is built upon the success of its predecessor and, like the 30H, is backed by the respected and industry leading reputation of Best Access Systems.

The 40H signifies the first time in the 21<sup>st</sup> century a manufacturer has developed a mortise lock from the ground up using advanced development tools such as 3-D modeling and six-sigma design principles, significantly improving the efficiency of the design process while offering greater reliability in the completed product.

The introduction of the 40H mortise lock comes about as a response to customer and market demand for a simple solution to address the complex specification, order placement and lock installation process that characterize mortise lock systems. While the ability to easily change lock configuration to a particular handing does provide a more efficient and simplified door installation process, it is the universal case design of the 40H that provides a new level of flexibility, strength and durability.

The universal case design of the 40H provides the ability to reconfigure a lock into many different functions easily and quickly, often by rearranging existing component parts without disassembling the lock case. The efficiency of the design enables over 15 of the most commonly used lock functions to be included in just 3 case configurations.

“The 40H mortise lock represents a new paradigm concerning how Best Access Systems will design locks going forward, said Mark Dearing, Product Manager for Best Access Systems. The 40H offers dynamic features for the end user that will significantly reduce the intricacies associated with the lock installation process, while still maintaining the traditional strength and durability of the classic mortise lock. The 40H allows customers to postpone the decision on how the lock will be configured all the way up to the point of installation, making this the most flexible and user-friendly mortise lock available. This translates into value for anyone involved in the process, whether they’re an architect, specification writer, distributor or end-user.”

The 40H mortise lock is an ideal security solution for commercial and industrial applications, schools, universities, government institutions, hospitals, and other locations where strength and durability are required in a locking system.

### **About Stanley Security Solutions**

Stanley Security Solutions, a business division of The Stanley Works, is a provider of access and security solutions for institutional, commercial and industrial businesses and organizations. With a strong emphasis on service, Stanley Security Solutions delivers a comprehensive suite of security products, software and integrated systems directly to end user customers. Stanley Security Solutions is committed to extending its position as a leading comprehensive resource for a broad and extensive array of solutions that span the entire security spectrum.

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