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Governor Lynch Appoints Modular Homes Manufacturer to State Board of Fire Control

The NH Executive Council has confirmed Governor Lynch's appointment of John D. Ela, CEO of custom Modular Home manufacturer Epoch Homes, to the New Hampshire Board of Fire Control. The appointment fills the seat that represents the manufacturing industry to advise the State Fire Marshall on Rules and Regulations related to fire safety and code enforcement in NH.

PEMBROKE, NH. March 24, 2010 – The executive Council of the State of New Hampshire has confirmed Governor John Lynch's appointment of John D. Ela to the NH Board of Fire Control within the NH Department of Safety. The 11 member Board advises the NH State Fire Marshall on Rules and regulations related to fire safety and code enforcement. The Board members represent different areas of expertise related to construction, energy, fire safety, manufacturing, architecture and engineering. This appointment is for the seat representing manufacturing, which had been vacant. Governor Lynch thanked John for his "willingness to serve the people of New Hampshire."

John D. Ela is currently the CEO of Epoch Homes, a leading manufacturer of green custom modular homes. The company has built some of the greenest homes in the country that are certified as LEED Platinum and built the first home in NH that was certified as Gold under the Build Green NH guidelines. All of the company's homes are fully custom designed and efficiently built using the latest techniques of Lean Manufacturing, Total Quality Management, and Mass Customization. He has been using these approaches to improve manufacturing companies, as a CEO and Consultant since the mid 1980's.

A long time NH resident, he has a dual undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Economics and a Master's degree in Economics, both from the University of New Hampshire. Industry leadership positions include his membership on the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Home Builder's Building Systems Council.

Upon learning of the appointment, John said, "I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my manufacturing and Home Building experience in helping to maintain a balanced approach to improving safety that considers economics, affordability and consumer choice. I believe that this balance is a key to what makes living in New Hampshire so special." He continued that "maintaining these values is an important part of why our state leads the region in economic growth and continues to be a place people choose to live."

About Epoch Homes:

Epoch Homes, of Pembroke, NH, is the leading manufacturer of fully custom designed modular homes, cottages, and mansions. For 27 years, Epoch Homes has sold to a growing network of quality builders serving New England, NY and NJ, and has built some of the Greenest homes in the country. The Green Approved factory supports LEED, The National Green Building Standard ICC-700 and Energy Star

certification programs. Epoch Homes has won numerous national awards for its custom designs and Green Building.

For more information on Green Building, to visit our online Design Center, and to see hundreds of Epoch Homes, please visit our web site at www.EpochHomes.com. Visit an upcoming open house and factory tour.

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