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THE BLACKSTAR COMPANIES, LLC EXPANDS ITS FOOTPRINT IN THE SIP INDUSTRY WITH THE ACQUISITION OF GRAMATICA SIPS INTERNATIONAL'S FLORIDA PRODUCT APPROVALS

Tampa, October 13, 2023 – The BlackStar Companies, LLC, (BlackStar), a trusted partner in the structural insulated panel (SIP) industry, is thrilled to announce its latest strategic move to strengthen its market presence. The company has successfully acquired Gramatica SIPS International's Florida Product Approvals, marking a significant milestone in its expansion efforts.

This acquisition demonstrates The BlackStar Companies' commitment to delivering innovative, energy efficient solutions to the construction industry and will further solidify its position as a key player in the SIP market. The addition of the Florida Product Approvals will enhance the company's product portfolio and enable it to better serve its clients' needs.

Key Benefits of the Acquisition:

1. **Expanded Product Portfolio:** The acquisition brings a range of new SIP products and solutions into The BlackStar Companies' offerings, allowing them to cater to a wider range of construction projects.
2. **Streamlined Plan Review and Approvals Process:** With the inclusion of Gramatica SIPS International's Florida Product Approvals, clients can expect a simplified and efficient approvals process, saving time and resources.
3. **Enhanced Market Presence:** The acquisition reinforces The BlackStar Companies' presence in the national building materials market, positioning the company as a go-to provider of SIP solutions.

"We are excited about the acquisition of the Florida Product Approvals and the opportunities they present for our company and clients," said Les Allen, Jr., Managing Member of The BlackStar Companies. "This strategic move aligns with our mission to offer high-quality SIP products and streamline the construction process for our valued customers."

The BlackStar Companies, LLC, remains dedicated to innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction. This acquisition is a testament to the company's ongoing commitment to excellence in the SIP industry. BlackStar is also a proud distribution partner of Nexgen Building Products, featuring *Maxterra* High Performance MgO Panels.

About The BlackStar Companies, LLC: BlackStar, a minority-owned energy services company and now SIP manufacturer. This acquisition creates the ONLY 8(a) and HUBZone SIP manufacturer and distributor of Magnesium Oxide (MGO) products in the United States. BlackStar is a provider of structural insulated panels (SIPs) for the construction industry. With a commitment to innovation and quality, The BlackStar Companies offers high-performance SIP solutions that enhance energy efficiency and construction efficiency.