

**MAJOR U.S. RETAILER MARKETS**  
**YOUR SOLAR HOME'S ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLUTION**  
***Northern Tool + Equipment to expand renewable energy offerings through  
distribution agreement***

**TORONTO, ON, Oct. 12, 2006** – Northern Tool + Equipment ([www.northerntool.com](http://www.northerntool.com)), a major U.S. retailer that targets handymen and do-it-yourselfers, has embraced Your Solar Home's SolarSheat technology as a cost-effective way for customers to reduce energy costs and do their part to reduce CO2 emissions.

Your Solar Home's SolarSheat is a patent pending, innovative system that effectively traps and absorbs heat from the sun's rays. The system uses this heat to warm and circulate air at temperatures of up to 120 degrees F into rooms or an entire house or building through the furnace system. SolarSheat products are now distributed through 100 dealers throughout the U.S. and Canadian market. Now, with Northern Tool + Equipment, Your Solar Home is poised to make significant inroads into the North American handyman market.

"Northern Tool's representation for us is significant in terms of boosting sales and awareness for the SolarSheat," said Your Solar Home president Todd Kirkpatrick. "The company has a major presence in the U.S. through its online and in-store sales, and this relationship will have a major impact on helping us build our brand and drive sales of the SolarSheat."

Known as an innovative company because of its growing commitment to alternative energy solutions, Northern Tool president Don Kotula says Your Solar Home's SolarSheat is a perfect complement to the retailer's existing roster of products. "Our company is dedicated to providing customers with alternative energy solutions. We're excited about making the SolarSheat available to our customers because it is the first solar heating system our company has carried. SolarSheat represents a unique alternative to traditional heating systems that more and more consumers are demanding, and it's a product they can afford."

One product Northern Tool will be marketing is the SolarSheat 1500G system, which is available for a suggested list price of \$1,655 USD and can heat rooms of up to 1,000 sq. ft. The systems have a seven- to eight-year payback period, lowering energy consumption by 10 to 35 percent, with each SolarSheat reducing CO2 emissions by .35 tonne annually. The SolarSheat's patent pending mounting system, modularity and easy installation makes it the perfect product for the do-it-yourselfer market.

### ***About Your Solar Home***

Your Solar Home Inc. is a Toronto based company that manufactures solar air, ventilation and furnace heating systems for residential and industrial use. The SolarSheat product line is available from Your Solar Home's authorized partners in the U.S. and Canada. For more information, call (905) 669-2212, email [info@yoursolarhome.com](mailto:info@yoursolarhome.com) or go to [www.yoursolarhome.com](http://www.yoursolarhome.com).

### ***About Northern Tool + Equipment***

Northern Tool + Equipment has been a supplier of high-quality tools and equipment for more than 25 years, selling products through direct mail, the Internet and at more than 55 retail locations in 11 states. Along with a deep selection of hand, power and air tools, Northern Tool + Equipment carries a wide variety of products, including generators, pressure washers, air compressors, hydraulics, small engines, trailers, water pumps, tractors, welding equipment and much more. Northern Tool + Equipment also serves as the exclusive distributor of NorthStar™ brand equipment, which is fabricated and assembled at the company's 250,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility.

Northern Tool + Equipment's corporate headquarters are located in Burnsville, Minn.

For more information, visit [www.northerntool.com](http://www.northerntool.com).

-30-

#### **Media Contact: Your Solar Home**

Mark Wessel  
Bullpen PR  
(705) 445-2733  
[mwessel@bullpenpr.com](mailto:mwessel@bullpenpr.com)

#### **Media Contact: Northern Tool**

Dave Fransen  
Fast Horse Inc.  
(612) 746-4623  
[davef@fasthorseinc.com](mailto:davef@fasthorseinc.com)