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PORTO WELCOMES NEW DESIGNER/SALES ASSOCIATE

February 11, 2008 (RALEIGH, NC) – PORTO, a find home furnishings store in Raleigh and Chapel Hill, announces that Mark Sieber has joined the North Hills staff as a designer and sales associate.

Sieber brings years of experience in retail and interior design to Porto. He has worked at West Side Furnishings in Raleigh, the former Domicile in Chapel Hill, Nowell's in Cary, and served as manager of DiProvincia in Greensboro for five years. He attended Guilford College in Greensboro and UNC-Chapel Hill.

"Mark came highly recommended from his previous stores," said Emily Barrett, who co-owns Porto with Michael Perry. "He has already worked with several of the lines we carry, so he was able to hit the ground running. We are really happy to have him on board, both because of his excellent credentials and his stellar reputation."

According to Barrett, Sieber is known for "large, creative interior design projects, both residential and commercial." He describes his design sensibilities as "eclectic" and "outside the box," and says he most enjoys "assisting a client in executing his or her vision and creating an elegant, harmonious, and inviting space."

PORTO is located in Raleigh at 4151 Main at North Hills and in Chapel Hill's Eastgate Shopping Center, 1800 East Franklin Street. Hours are: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., and Sunday from 1 - 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.portohome.com> or call 919-341-2763 in Raleigh and 919-338-2602.

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