



Contacts: Alan H. Oshiki
Taylor Rafferty
(212) 232-2222

William S. Creekmuir
Simmons Company
(770) 673-2625

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SIMMONS BEDDING COMPANY PROVIDES UPDATE ON INTEREST PAYMENT DUE JULY 15, 2009

ATLANTA, July 16, 2009 – Simmons Bedding Company (“Simmons Bedding”), a subsidiary of Simmons Company (“Simmons” or the “Company”), and a leading manufacturer of premium-branded bedding products, today announced that it did not make the scheduled interest payment of \$7.9 million due on July 15, 2009 on its \$200.0 million 7.875% senior subordinated notes (“Notes”). Under the terms of Simmons Bedding’s existing forbearance agreement with the majority of the outstanding holders of the Notes, the holders of a majority of the Notes have agreed to refrain from exercising their rights and remedies under the Notes with respect to such non-payment of interest. Simmons announced on June 30, 2009 that it had reached agreements with the majorities of both its senior bank lenders and holders of its \$200.0 million 7.875% senior subordinated notes as required to extend the forbearance periods from June 30, 2009 to August 14, 2009. The extension under the senior bank lenders agreement is subject to meeting certain conditions on or before July 31, 2009.

The Company’s cash on hand as of July 14, 2009 was approximately \$62 million, which is available to pay operating costs and expenses. The Company continues normal day-to-day business operations.

About Simmons Bedding Company

Atlanta-based Simmons Bedding Company is one of the world's largest mattress manufacturers, manufacturing and marketing a broad range of products including Beautyrest®, Beautyrest Black®, Beautyrest Studio™, BeautySleep®, ComforPedic by Simmons™, Natural Care® and Beautyrest Beginnings™. Simmons Bedding operates 19 conventional bedding manufacturing facilities and two

juvenile bedding manufacturing facilities across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Simmons Bedding also serves as a key supplier of beds to many of the world's leading hotel groups and resort properties. Simmons Bedding is committed to developing superior mattresses and promoting a higher quality sleep for consumers around the world. For more information, visit the Company's website at www.simmons.com.

“Safe Harbor” Statement under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:

This press release includes forward-looking statements that reflect our current views about future events and financial performance. Words such as “estimates,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “projects,” “plans,” “intends,” “believes,” “forecasts” and variations of such words or similar expressions that predict or indicate future events, results or trends, or that do not relate to historical matters, identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this press release speak only as of the date of this press release. These forward-looking statements are expressed in good faith and Simmons believes there is a reasonable basis for them. However, there can be no assurance that the events, results or trends identified in these forward-looking statements will occur or be achieved. Investors should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Simmons's expectations. These factors include, but are not limited to: (i) compliance with covenants in, and any defaults under, our debt agreements or instruments; (ii) our ability to (a) comply with the terms of the forbearance agreements, including meeting certain conditions contained therein that require continued progress in our restructuring efforts, (b) obtain further extensions to the forbearance periods, or (c) develop and implement a restructuring on acceptable terms, on a timely basis or at all; (iii) compliance by the lenders and note holders with the terms of the forbearance agreements; (iv) increased cost of credit and associated fees resulting from the forbearance extensions and any waiver or modification of the senior credit facility by the lenders or any waiver or modification of the Subordinated Notes or other indebtedness; (v) Simmons Bedding being required to immediately repay all amounts outstanding under the senior credit facility resulting from the noncompliance with the covenants thereunder or otherwise being in default under its debt which could in turn result in a default under the indebtedness of Simmons Bedding, Simmons Company or Simmons Holdco or could result in a bankruptcy filing by or against us or any of our affiliates and have an adverse impact the value of our and our affiliate's debt and equity securities; (vi) the potential adverse impact of any restructuring or any related pre-arranged or voluntary bankruptcy filing on our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and the value of our and our affiliate's debt and equity securities; (vii) interest rate and credit market risks; (viii) competitive pressures in the bedding industry; (ix) general economic and industry conditions; (x) the success of our new products and the future costs to rollout such products; (xi) legal and regulatory requirements; (xii) our relationships with and viability of our suppliers, significant customers and licensees; (xiii) fluctuations in our costs of raw materials and energy prices; (xiv) our ability to hold or increase prices on our products and the related effect on our unit sales; (xv) an increase in our return rates and warranty claims; (xvi) our labor relations; (xvii) encroachments on our intellectual property; (xviii) our product liability, intellectual property and other litigation claims; (xix) our level of indebtedness; (xx) foreign currency exchange rate risks; (xxi) our future acquisitions; (xxii) our ability to achieve the expected benefits from any personnel realignments; (xxiii) higher bad debt expense as a result of increased customer bankruptcies due to instability in the economy and slowing consumer spending; (xxiv) our ability to maintain sufficient liquidity to operate its business; and (xxv) other risks and factors identified from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, either to reflect new developments or for any other reason.