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## Baldwin Hardware's Home Connect<sup>™</sup> Technology Now Compatible with Z-Wave Home Automation Systems & Smart Products Baldwin Hardware's electronic locks expand flexibility and reach through integration with the Z-Wave wireless protocol

LAKE FOREST, Calif. – [Jan. 9, 2012] – Today, Baldwin Hardware, manufacturer of high quality architectural hardware products, announces that its electronic locks with Home Connect Technology are now compatible with the Z-Wave wireless protocol. Teamed with Baldwin's existing compatibility with ZigBee products, today's announcement will allow dealers and installers greater flexibility to deliver home automation and security packages that not only meet homeowners' technology requirements but also complement the beauty and architectural style of their homes. The outcome – homeowners will no longer have to substitute functionality for style. They can have both.

"By expanding Baldwin Home Connect Technology to Z-Wave, installers, dealers and homeowners alike will have greater ability to customize their home automation and security packages to align with any lifestyle," says Keith Brandon, Home Connect Product Manager at Baldwin Hardware. "Baldwin believes Home Connect represents the most flexible and customizable electronic lock option on the market and we will continue to expand this technology in 2012."

Baldwin Hardware's electronic locks feature keyless entry deadbolts and handlesets that enable entrance to the home with only a few simple pushes of a button. Teamed with a compatible ZigBee or Z-Wave wireless home automation system, the front door hardware can wirelessly communicate with other "smart devices" in the home such as lighting and temperature, seamlessly triggering homeowners' personal preferences from the minute they unlock their door. In addition, homeowners can monitor their front door from any web-enabled mobile device or secure internet connection, even if they are on a business trip 10,000 miles away. Home Connect technology features a motorized deadbolt allowing homeowners to lock

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and unlock their doors remotely – perfect for when the kids beat Mom home from school, or the house cleaner arrives while everyone is still at work.

To learn more about Baldwin Hardware and Home Connect Technology, please visit www.baldwinpresskit.com/home-connect.

#### About Baldwin

For 65 years, Baldwin Hardware has delivered modern luxury to discriminating homeowners, architects and designers through superior design, craftsmanship and functionality. Baldwin manufactures an extensive family of superior architectural and decorative products for residential and commercial use in a variety of finishes, including its proprietary *Lifetime Finish*<sup>TM</sup>. Baldwin Hardware products signify quality and innovation, with offerings that include hardware, locksets and exterior lighting, as well as bath and cabinetry accessories. All portfolios are available in a rich variety of finishes and textures. The Reading, PA based company is part of the Black & Decker Hardware & Home Improvement Group, headquartered in Lake Forest, CA. To learn more about Baldwin Hardware, please visit www.baldwinhardware.com.

Stanley Black & Decker, an S&P 500 company, is a diversified global provider of hand tools, power tools and related accessories, mechanical access solutions and electronic security solutions, engineered fastening systems, and more. The Stanley Black & Decker Hardware and Home Improvement Group (HHI) is part of the company's Mechanical Access Solutions division. HHI develops, manufactures, markets and sells builders' hardware, residential and commercial door hardware, kitchen and bath faucets, shower systems and bath accessories under the Stanley®, National Hardware®, Kwikset®, Weiser ®, Baldwin ®, and Price Pfister® brands. Headquartered in Orange County, Calif., HHI has a global sales force and operates manufacturing and distribution facilities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Asia.

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