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## **Venstar Inks Exclusive Agreement With Polar Technology for Puerto Rico Distribution of Its Commercial and Residential Thermostat Products**

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Aug. 3, 2011 — [Venstar®](#), a leading thermostat and energy management systems supplier, today announced that it has signed [Polar Technology](#) of San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the exclusive distributor for Puerto Rico of its commercial and residential thermostat HVAC control products.

“We are pleased to announce Polar Technology as the exclusive distributor of Venstar commercial and residential thermostats in Puerto Rico,” said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. “Polar Technology is a respected refrigerant life cycle management solution company, and it is now the source in Puerto Rico for Venstar’s commercial and residential HVAC control systems.”

“Venstar’s high quality and reliable HVAC products, including thermostats and accessories for both residential and commercial use, are now available in Puerto Rico through our Polar Technology stores. We are pleased to work with Venstar for exclusive distribution in Puerto Rico, and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship,” said José Luis Ramírez-Irizarry, general manager of Puerto Rico Operations for Polar Technology.

Venstar recently named Trane Canada Co. as the exclusive distributor of Venstar HVAC controls in Canada. It also recently expanded its New York distribution by naming DBM Controls and DBM Control Distributors as new distributors.

Among the Venstar thermostat products being distributed by Polar Technology are:

### **ColorTouch Touchscreen Thermostat (residential)**

[ColorTouch™](#) is the multi-functional, simple-to-use, richly featured, programmable touch screen thermostat that thinks it's a digital picture frame. ColorTouch has customizable backgrounds, including the users' own photos, and more than a dozen preset themes, including holiday themes. Compatible with virtually every type of heating and air conditioning system, ColorTouch can be configured to display one of three languages: English, French or Spanish.

### **ColorTouch Touchscreen Thermostat (commercial)**

[ColorTouch Commercial](#) is a multi-functional, simple-to-use, touch screen thermostat designed for commercial installations. With ColorTouch Commercial, users can display their business logos, advertisements or promotions on their thermostat screens as a slideshow screensaver or background wallpaper. ColorTouch Commercial also includes a 365-day holiday programmer, field updatable firmware, and added security for use in public areas. ColorTouch Commercial is priced at approximately half the cost of competitive commercial touch screen thermostats.

### **Slimline Family of Thermostats**

Venstar's Slimline family of thermostats includes very popular residential and commercial models. Currently, millions of Slimline thermostats are in use throughout North America. Specialty Slimline modes include:

- [Slimline Platinum](#), a commercial thermostat (Model T2900) with light activation that turns the thermostat on and off based on the level of light, helping facilities save energy and go green.
- [SchoolStat™](#) (Model T2900SCH), a commercial programmable specialty thermostat that helps schools go green while keeping classrooms comfortable. SchoolStat is the thermostat designed to keep classrooms comfortable during the school day and save energy when school is out.
- [ComfortCall](#), an accessory that allows users to remotely adjust their Venstar Slimline residential thermostats from any telephone. Using voice recognition and voice synthesis, ComfortCall literally talks to the user over the telephone and takes voice commands.
- [EZStat™](#), the thermostat that is as easy to program as using an alarm clock. The EZStat also features oversized indicators on the display for easy reading.

## **Availability**

For more information, visit: <http://www.venstar.com/Thermostats/>

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## **About Polar Technology**

Polar Technology provides refrigerant life cycle management solutions to companies and individuals who are either owners of refrigerant or gas systems or who are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the refrigerant or gas systems.

Polar Technology's deliverable is in managing the ecological impact of refrigerants and specialty gases used for cooling people, places and things. In doing so, Polar Technology saves its customers money by controlling and protecting the integrity of the entire cooling system and recovery processes. This allows operating systems to run at maximizing efficiency while using minimum energy through the effective deployment of strategically designed and developed products and services.

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

## **About Venstar Inc.**

Founded in 1992, Venstar Inc. is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) supplier, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products, as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar's Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 25 percent of their energy costs, which translates to millions of dollars in savings and dramatic reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of more than 13,000 retail locations across the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

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