



## For Immediate Release

### **Barton Mines Company, LLC renamed Barton International**

**July 1, 2011 (Glens Falls, NY)** – The Barton Group announced today that Barton Mines Company, LLC will conduct its business under the name Barton International. As Barton International, the company will continue to manufacture and distribute garnet abrasives.

In making the announcement, Board Chairman Charles H. Bracken, Jr. said, “Barton International better represents the company’s renewed international focus and growing worldwide customer base. Since 1878, our family-owned company has continuously evolved to serve new and growing markets and to better service our customers. Meeting the growing global demand for garnet abrasives with the highest quality and most innovative abrasive solutions and services is our goal.”

In addition to a very strong domestic market, the company has identified and is actively pursuing growth opportunities throughout Europe. Distributors have been established in numerous countries including Germany, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom. “The name Barton International fits our planned expansion into the European and Asian markets,” said R. Randolph Rapple, President.

“While our company name is changing, all core elements of the organization will remain the same,” stated Bracken.

The company name change is effective immediately, and all future business activity will be undertaken with the new identity.

Headquartered in Glens Falls, New York, Barton International is North America’s largest supplier of industrial garnet grains and powders. Barton International has operations in California, Louisiana, New York, Virginia and Washington, and a rapidly expanding worldwide network of sales representatives and product distributors.

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*The Barton Group is the parent company of Barton International, Virginia Abrasives Corporation and B-L Holding Company. For more information please visit [www.barton.com](http://www.barton.com).*

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