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Oak Hill Capital Partners to Acquire The Hillman Companies for \$815 Million

Cincinnati, Ohio – April 22, 2010 – The Hillman Companies, Inc. (“Hillman”) (NYSE-AMEX: HLM_Pr) announced today that Oak Hill Capital Partners (“Oak Hill Capital Partners”) has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire all outstanding shares of common stock of Hillman for a total cash consideration of \$815 million, subject to certain conditions.

