



## Rent-A-Center, Inc. Announces Refinancing of Its Senior Debt

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PLANO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 28, 2003--Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Company") (Nasdaq/NNM:RCII), the largest rent-to-own operator in the country, announced today that it has completed the previously-announced refinancing of its senior secured debt. The new \$600 million senior credit facilities consist of a \$400 million term loan, a \$120 million revolving credit facility and the right to obtain an additional term loan of up to \$80 million under certain circumstances. The Company drew down approximately \$200 million of the term loan component today, and may draw down the remaining \$200 million at any time prior to August 5, 2003.

The terms of the new facilities permit the Company, among other things, to repurchase up to approximately an additional \$200 million of its common stock. The Company has commenced a tender offer to purchase up to 2.2 million shares of its outstanding common stock at prices between \$60 and \$66 per share pursuant to a modified "Dutch Auction." The closing of the refinancing of the senior credit facilities and the sale of the Company's senior subordinated notes had been a condition to the Company's obligations under the tender offer; this condition has now been satisfied. The Company has also entered into an agreement with Apollo Investment Fund IV, L.P. and Apollo Overseas Partners IV, L.P. to purchase additional shares of the Company's common stock from these entities at the price established in the tender offer, subject to certain conditions.

"The refinancing of our senior credit facilities and the sale of our senior subordinated notes, together with the planned purchases of our common stock, are part of our effort to pursue long-term financing opportunities for the Company," commented Mr. Robert D. Davis, the Company's Chief Financial Officer. "We believe that these transactions will improve our overall financial flexibility and lower our cost of capital."

Rent-A-Center, Inc., headquartered in Plano, Texas currently operates 2,555 company-owned stores nationwide and in Puerto Rico. The stores generally offer high-quality, durable goods such as home electronics, appliances, computers, and furniture and accessories to consumers under flexible rental purchase agreements that generally allow the customer to obtain ownership of the merchandise at the conclusion of an agreed-upon rental period. ColorTyme, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is a national franchisor of 321 rent-to-own stores, 309 of which operate under the trade name of "ColorTyme," and the remaining 12 of which operate under the "Rent-A-Center" name.

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