



Sterling Investment Partners' Portfolio Company U.S. Maintenance Makes Acquisition

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Westport, CT -- Sterling Investment Partners ("Sterling") portfolio company, U.S. Maintenance ("USM") has purchased DayStar USA, an exterior maintenance service company. Since Sterling's initial investment in August 2003 USM has made three strategic acquisitions and together with internal growth has more than doubled revenues to more than \$200 million.

US Maintenance acts as a national contract manager, leveraging its proprietary network of over 5,500 subcontractors throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Company currently provides outsource contract management services in the area of janitorial services and floor care, landscaping and snow removal, lighting and sign maintenance and repair and disaster restoration services. This allows the Company to rapidly source and effectively manage a network of local service providers, which would otherwise represent a logistical challenge to national companies.

DayStar has been in business for over 40 years and, like US Maintenance, serves the nation's leading retail, hospitality, grocery, pharmacy, and food service chains.

With the support of Sterling, USM management has completed three strategic acquisitions as well as growing the business with existing and new customers. Sterling worked with management on strategic initiatives including the development of an industry leading compliance function and a 24/7 call center.

Charles Santoro, a Sterling Managing Partner noted, "USM is a dynamic, scaleable, fast-growing business that has the ability to continue growing through acquisitions and increasing service offerings. The Company's recent acquisitions have enabled it to further leverage its core competencies and created truly national coverage."

"We are very pleased to have DayStar as part of the US Maintenance family of companies," said David Gansky, US Maintenance Founder and Chief Executive Officer. "The combined capabilities of DayStar and US Maintenance create tremendous synergies that will enable us to better serve all our clients."

The Daystar USA acquisition follows USM's acquisition of Network Service Management in June of 2005. Network, headquartered in Norwood, MA, provides lighting, electrical, and sign maintenance services to the retail industry.

Mr. Gansky continued, "We value our partnership with Sterling and their strategic and financial support as we executed our growth strategy."

Sterling Investment Partners invests in companies with significant competitive strengths and growth potential. Founded in 1991, Sterling has completed investments, strategic or add-on acquisitions, and liquidity events with an aggregate transaction value of approximately \$4.7 billion, representing over 65 companies. Sterling maintains a broad industry focus, including professional and business services, manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and technology-related businesses.