

## **Kolbe's Impact-Resistant Doors and Windows Help Turks & Caicos Properties Defeat Hurricane Ike**

*-- K-Force products withstand punishing 140-160 mph winds --*

Wausau, Wis. -- As the world knows, the Turks & Caicos Islands recently were battered by Hurricane Ike, a Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 140 mph and gusts exceeding 160 mph. Though Ike's eye passed directly over the Turks & Caicos Sporting Club, a 1,100-acre private residential community on the islands' southernmost chain, damage to the development was minimal. Kolbe's K-Force™ impact certified windows and doors played a key role in enabling the Sporting Club residences to withstand Ike's assault.

During the last two years a mix of Kolbe K-Force doors and windows, including double-hungs, casements, exterior doors and paneled French doors, were installed in 14 exclusive one- and two-story Sporting Club properties, known as the Le Grand and Columbus Beach Cottages. Each two-story home features 20 windows, and eight sets of doors. The one-story homes feature 18-20 windows, and six to eight sets of doors.

“Aside from a handful of non-impact windows protected by heavy shutters, the windows and all of the doors on these residences are Kolbe K-Force products, which feature laminated glass that is designed to stay intact even if the glass is broken,” notes Johnny Hutton, senior outside sales representative and window specialist of HomeSouth Architectural, and one of Kolbe's distributors for the Le Grand and Columbus Beach projects.

According to witnesses, Hurricane Ike damaged the majority of homes in some areas of the Grand Turk & South Caicos Islands. Thanks to thorough planning and state of the art construction including Kolbe's K-Force products, Ambergris Cay was able to weather the storm. In fact, Calico Jack's Pavilion, a key gathering spot for Turks & Caicos Sporting Club residents and visitors, was up and running within days of the hurricane, thanks in part to the strength of K-Force windows and doors.

All of Turks & Caicos Sporting Club's structures meet or exceed U.S. Hurricane Building Standards. Since the Sporting Club's inception, it has adhered to a Hurricane Preparedness Plan that is continuously updated as each new homesite or club amenity is introduced.

Most of the Kolbe K-Force doors and windows installed on the Le Grand and Columbus Beach properties are standard sizes plus a few specially sized casement windows. “Kolbe's K-Force products not only provided superior storm protection, they also met the client's strict architectural expectations,” says Hutton. Installation was handled by Jaca TCI and TDMG Concordia, which followed Kolbe's strict hurricane zone guidelines.

“The fact that Turks & Caicos Sporting Club walked out of Hurricane Ike with all infrastructure and homes in great shape is testimony to the high level of planning,

engineering and construction of the services and structures on Ambergris Cay.” stated Dr. Michael Misick, Premier of Turks & Caicos Islands.

Turks & Caicos Sporting Club was created by DPS Sporting Club Development Company, LLC, which develops private, environmentally sensitive, single-family residential sporting communities on historic and unique properties, with a commitment to preserving the distinct character of each location. For more information on Turks & Caicos Sporting Club at Ambergris Cay, please visit [www.tcsportingclub.com](http://www.tcsportingclub.com).

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