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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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Webb Wheel Development Engineering Expanded

Cullman, AL (January 19, 2009) The expanded development engineering capabilities of Webb Wheel Products, Inc. at their R&D lab facilities in Cullman, AL gives the company the resources required to design, test and produce drums, hubs and rotors for current and future medium and heavy duty commercial vehicle requirements. Products developed by Webb can help vehicle operators mitigate the challenges they face in meeting shorter stopping distance rules and other cost and performance related issues.

Webb's R&D facility is an integral part of the company's ability to meet customer demands for the highest quality, best performing wheel end products. Recent developments like the lightweight Webb Vortex™ brake drum were possible because of the resources available to fully design, sample and test the product prior to production. Design begins with 3D CAD and Finite Element Analysis (FEA). Once a product design meets the initial engineering objective, Webb's in-house prototyping capabilities, including their own induction melt furnace and vacuum molding facility, can take the design from conception to final production in a compressed time frame. A rapid prototype printer, CNC and vertical lathes and a full metallurgical laboratory further support a quick turnaround of newly engineered designs to make them available as a production part quickly with the least amount of delay. Test equipment, including a new state-of-the-art heavy duty Link brake dynamometer with infrared camera and two rotary fatigue testers, analyze performance criteria to ensure the product meets industry demands. Test track results are generated by Link-Radlinski at the Transportation Research Center (TRC) in Ohio.



In addition to supporting new product development, the continuous performance and metallurgical testing performed routinely in the Webb R&D lab ensures that current production parts always meet the high quality standards set by Webb for all their products. In addition to their own R&D capabilities, Webb has close working relationships with The University of Alabama Birmingham, Southern Research Institute, TMC, HDBMC and various SAE committees and other industry organizations. Webb Wheel Products, Inc. leads the industry in wheel-end products with both new development and continued aftermarket support for current production as well as out-of-production wheel-end components not easily found from other manufacturers.

Webb operates manufacturing facilities in Cullman, AL; Tell City, IN and Siloam Springs, AR. Hubs, drums, rotors and spoke wheels are available on original equipment from various truck, bus and trailer manufacturers and throughout the North American aftermarket for all application replacement needs. The company is expecting future growth in non-domestic regions as the market demand requires.

Webb Wheel Products, Inc., headquartered in Cullman, Alabama is a Marmon Highway Technologies company that manufactures hubs, brake drums, and rotors for medium and heavy-duty trucks, trailers and buses. MHT serves original equipment manufacturers, highway transportation companies and the automotive aftermarket with a comprehensive line of products. MHT companies are members of The Marmon Group, an international association of more than 125 business units that operate independently within diverse business sectors. Member companies have collective revenues of \$7 billion. The Marmon Group is a Berkshire Hathaway company.

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