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**TRIMAS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC ADDITION TO
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Bloomfield Hills, Mich. – August 3, 2006 – TriMas Corporation announced today that Richard M. Gabrys has been elected to its board of directors.

Gabrys is a retired vice chairman for Deloitte & Touche and interim dean of the School of Business Administration of Wayne State University. He serves on the board of Dana Corporation, CMS Energy Corporation and La-Z-Boy. Gabrys has also been active on the boards and advisory councils for a number of community and industry organizations.

“We are proud to have Dick on our board of directors,” said Grant Beard, CEO of TriMas Corporation. “His many years of experience in public accounting as well as his board experience complement the insight and leadership provided by our current board.”

Gabrys received his bachelor of science from King’s College. He completed executive graduate work at Stanford University, Northwestern University and the International Institute of Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland. He is a certified public accountant licensed in Michigan.

In a move to increase its percentage of independent directors, TriMas also announced today the departure of board members Gary M. Banks, Timothy D. Leuliette and W. Gerald McConnell. Additionally, Arthur W. Huge resigned from the board of directors, as well as the company’s audit committee, citing the demands of his primary professional commitments.

About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas is a diversified growth company of high-end, specialty niche businesses manufacturing a variety of products for commercial, industrial and consumer markets worldwide. TriMas is organized into five strategic business segments: Packaging Systems, Energy

Products, Industrial Specialties, RV & Trailer Products and Recreational Accessories. TriMas has about 5,000 employees at 80 different facilities in 10 countries. For more information, visit www.trimascorp.com.

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