



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Michael Szudarek
Robert Moll
248.855.6777

**TRIMAS SUBSIDIARY CEQUENT EXPANDS GLOBAL FOOTPRINT WITH NEW
ASIAN MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

Bloomfield Hills, Mich. – December 12, 2006 – Cequent, a subsidiary of TriMas Corporation, has expanded its global operations with the opening of a new \$2.5 million, 55,000 square-foot manufacturing and product development facility in Amata Nakorn Industrial Estate, Chonburi Province, Thailand.

“This new manufacturing and product development facility in Thailand will serve as a strategic base, allowing us to efficiently expand our product distribution throughout the Asia-Pacific region while pursuing lower-cost, lean manufacturing opportunities,” said Ed Schwartz, Cequent group president.

The new facility boasts such capabilities as precision laser cutting, bending, press equipment as well as specialized welding. It will manufacture and market automotive vehicle personalization accessories, including towing hitches, roll bars, frontal protection and roof racks for the domestic and global markets.

Cequent is well-established with the OEM customer base in the Asia-Pacific region, including GM, Toyota, Ford, Honda, Mitsubishi and Nissan. “OE accessories are fitted in the country of origin prior to the export of vehicles,” Schwartz said. “The most effective way to capture that market is to be in Thailand and to be affiliated with the manufacturers.”

Schwartz continued, “We expect the output of the plant to grow rapidly during the next few years.” Schwartz added that Cequent has an aggressive investment program intended to broaden the plant’s process capabilities and product offerings during 2007.

About Cequent

Cequent is part of TriMas’ Transportation Accessories group. Established in 2002 and headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan, Cequent is comprised of market-leading transportation brands, including towing accessories, trailer braking and core trailer components, cargo management products and weight distribution items. These world-class companies design, manufacture and distribute Accupower[®], Bargman[®], Bulldog[®], Draw-Tite[®], Fulton[®], Hayman Reese[®], Hidden Hitch[®], Highland[®], Reese[®], Reese Outfitters[®], Reese Towpower[®], ROLA[®], Tekonska[®] and Wesbar[®].

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.

#