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**TRIMAS CORPORATION'S CEQUENT GROUP RECEIVES
THE 2005 HENRY FORD TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., September 27, 2005 – TriMas Corporation today announced that Cequent Electrical Products, Inc., part of the Cequent operational unit of TriMas, received the prestigious Henry Ford Technology Award for the Integrated Trailer Brake Controller (ITBC) at the annual recognition event held last evening. The Henry Ford Technology Award Program was established in 1981 by Ford Motor Company to provide greater attention to and recognition of exceptional technical contributions.

“It is such a great honor to be recognized by Ford Motor Company with this award,” said Bob Lewis, President Cequent Electrical Products. “The commitment, dedication, and hard work in developing the ITBC by the Cequent team have made us very proud, especially after receiving this special recognition by our customer.”

The Integrated Brake Controller was one of 75 nominations submitted this year and there are only five product development technologies selected per year, including all of Ford Motor Company’s worldwide business.

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About TriMas

Plymouth, Michigan-based Cequent Transportation Accessories Group is part of TriMas Corporation and is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of accessories for light trucks, sport utility vehicles, recreational vehicles, passenger cars and trailers of all types. Products include towing and hitch systems, trailer components and accessories, and electrical, brake, cargo-carrying and rack systems. Cequent draws upon a 75-year-old heritage of superior towing and trailer brands, including: Draw-Tite®, Reese®, Fulton®, Wesbar®, Bulldog®, Hidden Hitch® and Tekonsha®. Cequent employs approximately 2,700 associates.

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 four strategic business groups: Cequent Transportation Accessories, Rieke Packaging Systems, Fastening Systems and Industrial Specialties. TriMas has nearly 5,000 employees at 80 different facilities in 10 countries. For more information, visit www.trimascorp.com.

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