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**TRIMAS CORPORATION APPOINTS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS –
MARSHALL A. COHEN, ARTHUR W. HUGE, EUGENE A. MILLER**

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – January 19, 2005 – TriMas Corporation – a diversified growth company of high-end, specialty niche businesses manufacturing a variety of products for commercial, industrial and consumer markets worldwide – today announced that Marshall A. Cohen, Arthur W. Huge and Eugene A. Miller have been named to the Company’s board of directors. These appointments were effective with the start of the Company’s 2005 fiscal year in January.

“These three gentlemen provide TriMas with additional strength in the areas of financial management, operational excellence and market leadership – the guiding principles of our organization,” said Grant Beard, President and Chief Executive Officer of TriMas Corporation. “We are very pleased to have Marshall, Arthur and Eugene as part of our team and look forward to building upon their business acumen and expertise as we move TriMas into its next phase of development.”

Marshall A. Cohen is currently Counsel to the law firm of Cassels Brock & Blackwell in Toronto, Canada, and the former Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto-based Molson Companies Ltd., where he retired in 1996. He also served with the Government of Canada for 15 years, including appointments as Deputy Minister in the departments of finance, energy, mines and resources, and industry, trade and commerce. Cohen earned his law degrees from Osgoode Hall Law School and was awarded an honorary doctorate by York University in 1986.

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Arthur W. Huge is the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Wisconsin-based Menasha Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer of corrugated and plastic packaging containers. Prior to this position, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Walter Industries, Inc., a New York Stock Exchange diversified holding company in Tampa, Florida. Huge earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Union College and a master's in business administration degree, with a concentration in finance, from Loyola College.

Eugene A. Miller has had a distinguished career in banking, which included serving as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Comerica Incorporated and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Comerica Bank – one of the nation's largest and most profitable banking companies and a member of the Fortune 500. He is also a Director of DTE Energy and Handleman Company, and has served the business community as Vice President of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors, Chairman of the Association of Bank Holding companies, and Chairman of the Detroit Economic Club.

About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 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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