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**TRIMAS CORPORATION'S CEQUENT TOWING PRODUCTS MOVING ELKHART, IN
OPERATIONS TO GOSHEN, IN MANUFACTURING CENTER**

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. – July 5, 2005 – TriMas Corporation announced today that it plans to move the plastics fabricating process at its Cequent Towing Products business unit, part of the Cequent Transportation Accessories operating group of TriMas, currently located in Elkhart, Indiana to the Goshen, Indiana Manufacturing Center approximately 25 miles away.

"Redundancy and excess manufacturing capacity, coupled with the opportunity to maximize the manufacturing space available in the Goshen facility prompted this decision," said Edward Schwartz, Cequent Group President. "The Goshen manufacturing site has also established a "clean room" to produce this new product line."

The transition of work will begin immediately and is expected be completed by August 1, 2005. This action will affect approximately 12 employees. To reduce the impact of this decision on the Elkhart employees, the Company will provide opportunities for these employees at the Goshen Manufacturing Center.

About TriMas

Plymouth, Michigan-based Cequent, a TriMas operating group, 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®, Bull Dog®, 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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