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TRIMAS CORPORATION'S CEQUENT GROUP TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS AT SHEFFIELD, PA FACILITY

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., August 2, 2005 – TriMas Corporation today announced that Cequent Transportation Accessories Group, an operational unit of TriMas Corporation, plans to discontinue assembly, warehousing and distribution operations at its Cequent Consumer Products facility in Sheffield, PA. The company expects to close the facility by the end of November 2005. Products currently assembled in Sheffield will be transferred to outside suppliers, and the warehousing and distribution activities will be transferred to the Cequent Consumer Products distribution center in South Bend, IN.

"Excess manufacturing capacity and very competitive market conditions led to the decision," said Craig Manchen, President, Cequent Consumer Products. "I have always been impressed with the work quality and the accomplishments of the Sheffield team, and I am greatly appreciative of their contribution to Cequent." The closure will impact approximately 95 employees.

As a result of the Cequent Consumer Products distribution activity being moved to the South Bend facility, Cequent Towing Products' President Tom Benson also announced today that the Towing Products inventory presently warehoused and distributed there would be moved. Cequent Towing Products will continue to distribute Draw-Tite® and Reese® products out of its Goshen, IN facility and will establish an all-brand distribution center at its existing distribution facility in Taylor, MI.

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

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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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