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Thermoset Inc. Recognized By Eaton As A Premier Supplier Award Winner

CLEVELAND ... Diversified industrial manufacturer Eaton Corporation honored 38 premier suppliers last month as part of the company's supplier recognition program. This is the fourth year that Eaton has recognized a select group of its global suppliers with this prestigious award.

Among the award winners was Thermoset Inc., who received recognition from Eaton in the Direct Materials supplier category for Friction Components.

"Our innovative technologies help customers manage power more efficiently, effectively and safely," said Craig Reed, senior vice president – Supply Chain Management. "Top-notch suppliers, like those recognized through this awards program, help us ensure we are meeting our commitments to our customers."

The award winners fall within one of three supplier categories: Direct, Indirect or Logistics. Direct Materials suppliers are those which provide goods used directly in the making of products (i.e., bearings, gaskets, seals, castings); Indirect Materials and Services suppliers provide goods used to make products or support the business (i.e., cutting fluid, maintenance repair, office supplies) and Logistics suppliers handle the transportation of goods inbound from the supplier and outbound to customers, as well as indirect package transportation.

John McGourthy, Jr, CEO and Jon DeBoer, President of Thermoset, Inc. remarked, "This is the "Second" year in a row that our organization has received the prestigious Eaton Premier

Supplier Award which is an outstanding accomplishment for Thermoset. We have our employees to thank. Again, their continued commitment toward Quality, Continuous Improvement and Customer Service was the major contributor to the achievement of this award for a second consecutive year. Our customer/supplier relationship with Eaton Corporation has been a long-term association that has created very positive value for both organizations.”

Thermoset is a privately held ISO/TS-16949:2002 and ISO-14001 certified corporation headquartered in Mequon, Wisconsin USA.

For the past 20 plus years, Thermoset has been an Eaton Corporation strategic partner supplying friction components used in Torque Control, Transmission and Airflex Division products worldwide. The Eaton/Thermoset products are inclusive of synchronizers, clutch plates, cone clutches, brake plates and band brakes.

Additional products and capabilities include wet and dry friction material manufacturing, component bonding and product assembly as well as injection molded friction materials and thermosetting plastics components.

Thermoset primarily supplies and services the Automotive, Truck, Industrial, Agricultural, Home Appliance and Outdoor Product markets. For more information, visit www.thermosetinc.com.

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