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Pfingsten Partners Sells Four Wheel Drive Hardware to Transamerican Auto Parts Company

Deerfield, IL, February 7, 2006 - Private equity firm Pfingsten Partners, L.L.C. today announced the sale of Four Wheel Drive Hardware, L.L.C., a catalog and Internet distributor of automotive aftermarket products for mini-sport utility vehicles and other specialty segments, to Transamerican Auto Parts Company, L.L.C., an automotive aftermarket company with a similar product portfolio and additional distribution in the retail and wholesale channels. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Pfingsten purchased Four Wheel Drive Hardware in April 2000 and has significantly expanded the business through operating improvements as well as the 2003 add-on acquisition of Performance Products. Four Wheel Drive currently holds the #1 or #2 market share for Jeep, Toyota Truck, Porsche and Mercedes aftermarket parts and accessories, with 54,000 SKUs distributed through multiple catalogs and websites.

Transamerican Auto Parts Company and affiliated entities sell aftermarket parts and accessories for light trucks, Jeeps, sport utility vehicles, and other four-wheel drive vehicles, including 172,000 SKUs from 400 vendors. The company operates a nationwide chain of retail stores under the 4 Wheel Parts Performance Centers name, a wholesale distribution business under the Transamerican Wholesale name, mail order and Internet operations under the 4 Wheel Parts Wholesalers name, and a manufacturing and distribution business under the Pro Comp brand name.

The sale of Four Wheel Drive Hardware to Transamerican was handled by Brown Gibbons Lang and Company, an investment bank headquartered in Cleveland. Pfingsten was the majority owner of Four Wheel Drive Hardware, with a minority ownership by Svoboda, Collins L.L.C.

The sale represents the first add-on acquisition to Transamerican since that company was purchased by Bear Stearns Merchant Banking, the private equity affiliate of Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., in December 2005.

"This transaction offers a solid return for our investors, a strong strategic addition to Transamerican's business, and a classic illustration of Pfingsten's approach to building its portfolio companies," said John Underwood, Managing Director of Pfingsten Partners. "Over the last six years, we have significantly increased Four Wheel Drive's revenues and EBITDA through expanded product offerings, optimized catalog distribution, an improved Internet presence, and operational changes such as faster shipping. These improvements have built shareholder value and led directly to this successful investment."

The sale was completed on February 7, 2006.

About Pfingsten Partners

Pfingsten Partners is an operationally focused private equity firm formed in 1989. From its headquarters in Chicago and offices in ChangAn, China, and New Delhi, India, the firm builds better businesses through operational improvements, professional management practices, global capabilities and profitable business growth rather than financial engineering. Since completing its first investment in 1991, Pfingsten Partners has raised four funds with total commitments of approximately \$1.0 billion, and has acquired 86 manufacturing, distribution and business services companies. The firm is currently

investing Pfingsten Partners Fund IV, a \$525 million fund activated in January 2009. For more information, visit www.pfingstenpartners.com.