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JACKSON SAFETY NAMED AFFILIATED DISTRIBUTORS (A-D) SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

ST. LOUIS, MO, (October 13, 2008) – Jackson Safety was named Affiliated Distributors' (A-D) 2007 - 2008 Supplier of the Year during A-D's annual North American Meeting held recently in Dallas, Texas. According to A-D officials, "the Supplier of the Year Award is the most coveted award that A-D presents each year".

It was Jackson Safety's extremely strong growth and a commitment to A-D Affiliates that made the choice easy for A-D officials. According to A-D, "in 2007, Affiliate purchases with Jackson Safety grew by 125% from a combination of new products and conversions. Jackson Safety's support of A-D programs, like the Growth Incentive Bonus Program and Supplier Spotlight, combined with their market leading products provides financial and customer satisfaction benefits for A-D Affiliates. The senior management team of Mark Johnson and Harry Pardo are steadfast A-D supporters and bring that commitment to the field level."

A-D is a network of manufacturers and distributors in the Electrical, Industrial Supply, Plumbing and Pipe, Valve and Fitting markets. The largest network of its kind in North America, A-D's membership includes more than 350 independent distribution companies.

About Jackson Safety

Jackson Safety is a global manufacturer and distributor of safety products, including welding, personal protective equipment, and traffic control products. Jackson markets its products worldwide with emphasis on North America, Canada, and Europe, under established, well-known brand names such as Smith & Wesson, Huntsman, and Silencio. Headquartered in Fenton, MO, Jackson employs approximately 430 people and operates manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in the United States, Canada, and Europe.