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JACKSON SAFETY ACQUIRES EMI

Saint Louis, MO, (Wednesday, October 22, 2008) – Jackson Safety announced today that it has acquired **EMI**, division of Highway Safety Devices International (HSDI), a leading manufacturer of work zone safety equipment. The industry recognizes HSDI/EMI for their exceptional quality, and on-time delivery.

Located in Batavia, New York, Jackson Safety is acquiring the assets to manufacturer channelizer cones, high and low density drums. Their blow molding capabilities will expand Jackson Safety's depth as a manufacturer of resin based work zone safety equipment.

"This acquisition builds upon our market leading position within the work zone safety category", stated Tom Burns, President and Chief Executive Officer of Jackson Safety. "In addition, their cultural bias to superior customer service, lean manufacturing principles and product development supports our commitment to the industry. We are excited to add the Staff of HSDI/EMI Batavia, NY team to the Jackson family as we celebrate our 75th anniversary."

About Jackson Safety

Jackson Safety is a global manufacturer and distributor of safety products, including welding, personal protective equipment, and work zone safety products. Jackson markets its products worldwide with emphasis on North America, Canada, and Europe. Headquartered in Fenton, MO, Jackson employs approximately 450 people and operates manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in the United States, Canada, and Europe.