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JACKSON SAFETY ACQUIRES SAFEMASTER OY

ST. LOUIS, MO (Thursday, December 6 2007) – Jackson Safety announced today that it has acquired the assets of Safemaster OY, a leading designer and manufacturer of welding helmets in the Nordic Region.

Located in Tampere, Finland, Safemaster has developed a robust range of welding products, including lightweight helmets for grinding and welding as well as helmet systems uniquely designed for Powered Air Purifying Respiratory (PAPR) products.

“Through the leadership of its founder Reijo Lehtonen, Safemaster has consistently created innovative designs with functionality to improve the welders productivity and comfort” stated Tom Burns, Jackson Safety’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are excited to welcome Safemaster into the Jackson Safety family, especially as we prepare for our 75th anniversary in 2008.”

About Jackson Safety

Jackson Safety is a privately held global manufacturer and distributor of safety products, including welding, personal protective equipment, and traffic control products. Jackson markets its products worldwide under established, well-known brand names such as Jackson, Smith & Wesson, Huntsman, and Silencio. Headquartered in Fenton, MO, Jackson employs approximately 450 people and operates manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in the United States, Canada, and Europe.