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Jackson Safety Appoints Thomas Burns As Chief Executive Officer

ST. LOUIS (May 22, 2007) – Jackson Safety announced the appointment of Thomas Burns as its Chief Executive Officer. Burns most recently served as President of Burnes Group, a Texas-based manufacturer and marketer of consumer products, and was formerly the President of Katy Industries' Commercial Products Group, a manufacturer and distributor of commercial cleaning and service products. Prior to that, Burns held various positions of increasing responsibility during an eight year career with Newell Rubbermaid.

“Tom has an outstanding track record of success in the packaged goods and durable goods industries. His knowledge and experience make him an ideal fit to help us achieve our goals at Jackson” stated George Kelly, Chairman of Jackson Safety. “We welcome Tom and look forward to his leadership and the positive impact that he will have on our customers and our business.”

“I am excited to be joining Jackson Safety at a time when the company's drive toward improving service is at the forefront of its strategy,” Burns said. “I look forward to being part of the continued success at Jackson Safety.”

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 Jackson, Allsafe, Services & Materials, Smith & Wesson, Huntsman, and Silencio. Headquartered in Fenton, Missouri, Jackson Safety employs approximately 430 people and operates manufacturing facilities and distribution centers in the United States, Canada and Europe.