



Trinity Hunt Partners Announces Investment in Lone Star Fasteners
*Lone Star's strong background in the precision manufacturing sector
positions the company for significant growth*

Dallas – December 5, 2005 – Trinity Hunt Partners has completed the acquisition of Houston-based Lone Star Fasteners, L.P.(LSF), a leading manufacturer of high-performance specialty fasteners and gaskets, with an estimated closing purchase price of \$33.5 million.

Established in the 1960s, LSF serves a premier customer base that includes 150 clients in 17 different countries. LSF manufactures specialty fasteners and gaskets that are primarily used in extreme temperature, high pressure and corrosive environments such as sub-sea petroleum exploration and production systems and also petroleum and petrochemical refineries. Other end-user industries that use LSF's high-performance products include defense, aerospace and pulp & paper processing.

"LSF is a market leader in a clearly defined manufacturing niche," said Scott Colvert, Trinity Hunt investment partner. "With a diversified product offering, long standing customer relationships and an aggressive business philosophy, the company is well positioned to expand into other areas."

Debt financing for this transaction was provided by Amegy Bank and D.B. Zwirn & Co. Parks Paton Hoepfl & Brown advised the company on the financial terms of the transaction.



About Lone Star Fasteners

LSF is comprised of four main entities: (i) LSF, a manufacturer of specialty fasteners, gaskets and flow control products that are primarily used in extreme temperature, high pressure and corrosive environments such as oil and gas exploration and production, refineries, and power generation, (ii) Walker Bolt/Ameritech, a forging and manufacturing operation focused on specialty fasteners built to military, aerospace, and customer specifications; (iii) Lone Star Sealing Technologies, a manufacturer of standard and specialty gaskets; and (iv) Lone Star Coating Dynamics, a specialty applicator of industrial coatings. For more information about LSF, visit www.lonestarfasteners.com.



About Trinity Hunt Partners

Trinity Hunt Partners is a Dallas-based, Southwest regionally focused private equity firm specializing in leveraged acquisitions, recapitalizations and late-stage growth financings of established middle-market companies with enterprise values between \$15 million and \$150 million in the business services, healthcare services, industrial, consumer, and media & entertainment industries. For more information on Trinity Hunt Partners, visit www.trinityhunt.com.