



Lone Star Acquires LWD Precision Engineering
*LWD's Precision Manufacturing Capabilities Position Lone Star as Leading
Global Supplier of Precision Components to Oil and Gas Industry*

Houston – Feb. 13, 2007 – Lone Star Fasteners has completed the acquisition of LWD Precision Engineering Co. Ltd., a leading manufacturer of precision engineered components for the global oil and gas industry, with an estimated closing purchase price of \$6 million. LWD, based in Leeds, United Kingdom, manufactures precision machined components for valves, actuators and other related critical applications.

“The purchase of LWD is our latest step in the strategic expansion of Lone Star’s product and geographic market coverage,” said Bruce Ross, chief executive officer of Lone Star. “LWD’s market-leading capabilities and reputation for quality manufacturing and responsive customer service will solidify relationships with our key customers. Furthermore, Lone Star’s market presence and capital resources will enable LWD to expand into new geographic markets as well as market its products and capabilities to other Lone Star customers.”

The acquisition of LWD follows Lone Star’s June 2006 acquisition of Leeds-based Grange Gaskets, a provider of standard and specialty gaskets, and related machined parts. Tony Sitek, managing director of Lone Star’s Grange subsidiary, will assume overall management responsibility for the combined businesses of Grange and LWD. Richard Brown, the former majority owner of LWD, will work with Sitek to ensure an orderly transition of the business.

With the acquisition of LWD, Lone Star has approximately \$70 million in revenue, serving more than 350 customers, with approximately 400 employees throughout its operations in the United States, U.K. and Romania.

Financing for this transaction was provided by Amegy Bank and Bank of Scotland. Lone Star is a portfolio company of Dallas-based Trinity Hunt Partners.

About Lone Star Fasteners

Lone Star is global supplier of standard and specialty high-performance fasteners, gaskets and precision components, as well as industrial coating services. From production facilities located in Houston, Texas, the United Kingdom and Romania, Lone Star serves customers in the oil & gas, petrochemical, refining, power generation and defense industries.

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