



Trinity Hunt Partners Acquires Lone Star Fasteners
*Lone Star's strong background in 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., a leading manufacturer of high-performance specialty fasteners and gaskets, with an estimated closing purchase price of \$33.5 million.

Established in the 1960s, Lone Star Fasteners serves a premier customer base that includes 150 clients in 17 different countries. Lone Star 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 Lone Star's high-performance products include defense, aerospace and pulp & paper processing.

"Lone Star Fasteners 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."

Trinity Hunt Partners will partner with Lone Star's Chief Executive Officer Bruce Ross to continue the company's expansion into large, growing OEM markets.

"Trinity Hunt Partners has a solid reputation of partnering with senior management to grow companies both organically and through acquisitions," Ross said. "Trinity Hunt provides an extensive network of relationships throughout the Southwest that will be beneficial to Lone Star as the company continues to aggressively pursue its growth plans."

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 Trinity Hunt Partners

Trinity Hunt Partners is a Dallas-based, 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 niche manufacturing, business services, health care, media and consumer products industries. For more information on Trinity Hunt Partners, visit www.trinityhunt.com.

About Lone Star Fasteners

Lone Star Fasteners L.P., is comprised of three main entities: (i) Lone Star Fasteners, a manufacturer of standard and specialty high-performance fasteners, (ii) Walker Bolt/Ameritech, a forging and manufacturing operation focused on specialty fasteners built to customer specifications, and (iii) Lone Star Sealing Technologies, a manufacturer of standard and specialty gaskets. Houston-based Lone Star Fasteners is led by Chief Executive Officer Bruce Ross.

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