



## Tom Aepelbacher Named VP, Global Sourcing and Productivity for TriMas Corporation

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., Feb. 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- TriMas Corporation (Nasdaq: TRS) — a diversified manufacturer of engineered and applied products — today announced that Tom Aepelbacher has been named Vice President, Global Sourcing and Productivity. This role is a direct result of the Company's increased focus on continuous productivity improvements, strategic sourcing and lean initiatives. Aepelbacher reports directly to TriMas President and CEO, David Wathen.

Aepelbacher will continue to work with the leaders of TriMas' various business units to better leverage buying power, increase productivity, diversify the supplier bases, share best practices and lead continuous improvement and lean initiatives. Additional priorities include: gaining broader penetration into emerging markets; developing import and export strategies; and building global relationships.

"Tom is a proven leader and an expert in the tools and tactics required to generate continuous productivity," said David Wathen, President and Chief Executive Officer of TriMas. "We look forward to benefiting from his experience as TriMas intensifies and upgrades its focus on ongoing productivity improvements. His leadership in this role comes at an opportune time — a time when productivity savings will help fund our many strategic growth initiatives."

Aepelbacher brings over 25 years of experience in manufacturing and sourcing to the role. He was responsible for the launch of the TriMas Global Sourcing Organization in 2010 and previously served as the Vice President of Operations within Cequent Performance Products (CPP). Prior to joining TriMas in 2003, Aepelbacher worked as an Operations Manager for General Motors - Powertrain and General Manager and Vice President of Operations for ATC (an aftermarket automotive parts company based in Chicago, Illinois).

### About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas Corporation (Nasdaq: TRS) provides engineered and applied products for growing markets worldwide. TriMas Corporation is organized into five strategic business segments: Packaging, Energy, Aerospace & Defense, Engineered Components and Cequent. TriMas Corporation has approximately 3,900 employees at over 60 different facilities in 11 countries. For additional information, please visit

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