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Whitmore Announces Acquisition of Fluid Defense® Systems, LLC. *Acquisition Signifies Expansion in Lubrication Centric Reliability Solutions*

Rockwall, Texas, February 5, 2014 – The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, a leading provider of innovative products and services which increase the reliability and lifespan of mission critical operating equipment, announced today the acquisition of Fluid Defense Systems, LLC., a manufacturer of fully integrated lubricant storage and handling solutions for industry.

Since 2001, Fluid Defense has grown to become the recognized standard in lubricant handling and contamination control for industries ranging from food and beverage production to industrial manufacturing, power generation and mining. The OilSafe® lubrication management system provides a customizable, intuitive fluid identification environment designed to improve lubricant cleanliness and avoid cross-contamination.

“We are very excited about this acquisition, which enables us to offer a far broader portfolio of best-in-class products to the fast growing reliability market. Fluid Defense has an outstanding reputation for producing intuitive systems that create immediate value for their customers. The synergy between the OilSafe® system and our Air Sentry® branded products is tremendous. We now offer a more compelling product line that provides us with a great platform to build on organically and through future acquisitions,” said Scott Dunbar, Vice President of Filtration and Protective Coatings at Whitmore.

“As a manufacturer of specialty lubricants, Whitmore has been helping customers improve their lubrication practices for more than 120 years. Research has shown that improper lubrication is responsible for the majority of equipment failures. By providing customers with innovative reliability solutions, we help them increase equipment productivity and uptime while reducing their capital investments,” added Jeff Kilpatrick, President and CEO of Whitmore.

About Whitmore

Since 1893, The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, consisting of Whitmore Mining, Whitmore Rail, Whitmore Industrial, QHi Rail, Air Sentry®, KATS Coatings® and Horizon® Lubricants, has been a leading provider of innovative products and services which increase the productivity, reliability and lifespan of mission critical operating equipment. We manufacture high performance lubricants, friction modifiers, rail lubrication equipment, coatings, sealants, cleaners and reliability products designed to meet the specific needs of each industry and application. Customers worldwide rely on Whitmore to deliver the custom engineered solutions industry counts on for the most adverse conditions and demanding environments.