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Whitmore Announces Acquisition of QHi Rail Ltd.

Company Responds to Customers' Requests for Integrated Friction Management Solutions

Rockwall, Texas, May 1, 2012 – The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, a leading innovator and producer of component protection technology, announced today that it has acquired QHi Rail Ltd., a UK-based manufacturer of gauge face and Top of the Rail (TOR) lubrication systems for railways. Founded in 1997, QHi has grown rapidly and become a leading provider of rail lubricators in both freight and transit systems throughout Europe and has systems operating in 20 countries around the world.

With more than 15 years of experience, QHi Rail has an outstanding reputation for exceeding customer expectations by providing high performance, cost effective, reliable products and services for the rail industry. “The ability of QHi Rail to react quickly to the specific needs of customers and provide effective custom solutions fits seamlessly into Whitmore’s culture,” said Jack Ellis, Vice President of Sales for Whitmore. “The synergy created by working together will enable us to take railway lubrication solutions to the next level.”

Whitmore is the market leader in high performance gauge face and switch plate lubricants used by rail customers around the world. Customers have come to rely on Whitmore’s proven ability to develop custom solutions that keep the wheels of industry turning in the most demanding applications. The Company will use its extensive global distribution network to expand the sales of QHi products worldwide. “QHi’s customer base, employees and assets are the perfect complement to our lubrication business,” added Mr. Ellis.

“This acquisition is an important step toward achieving Whitmore’s strategic objective of increasing market share in the global rail market. We have worked closely with the QHi team for more than six years in numerous countries and they have the same core focus on product quality and customer satisfaction as Whitmore”, said Jeff Kilpatrick, President and CEO of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company. “They have developed some of the most innovative rail lubrication equipment available on the market today. Combined with our high performance products and outstanding distribution network, this venture will enable Whitmore to provide its customers with innovative and robust rail friction management solutions on a global basis.”

About The Whitmore Manufacturing Company

The Whitmore Group, consisting of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, KATS Coatings®, Horizon Lubricants and Air Sentry®, is a leader in creating component protection technology through the manufacturing of specialized lubricants, coatings, sealants, and contamination control breathers with broad product applications for a variety of industries on a global basis.