

Press Release

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HYSON PRODUCTS ADDS TO ITS QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

Brecksville, OH—Hyson Products announces that the company has received PED (Pressure Equipment Directive) certification and ISO 9001:2000 recertification. Hyson Products is a division of Associated Spring, a business unit of Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE:B)

The PED standards are among the most demanding manufacturing and quality requirements. The Hyson manufacturing facility has been certified to manufacture manifold systems, as well as self-contained gas springs including the Super Tanker®, T2 and T3 series of gas springs, to meet PED. In addition, the design of the Hyson Products manifold systems and gas springs has been approved to meet the PED standards.

In receiving these certifications, Hyson Products continues to strengthen its position of quality leadership in the production of nitrogen gas springs and manifold systems. Customers that need PED

products must specify that requirement at the time the project is quoted.

Hyson Products designs and manufactures Nitro-Dyne® XP manifold systems and accessories, Super Tanker® high performance gas springs with dynamic lubrication, T2 and T3 nitrogen gas springs, the Dyne-A-Cam™ Series of cams and the DRAC™ Series of delayed return manifolds.

Barnes Group Inc. (www.barnesgroupinc.com) is a diversified international manufacturer of precision components and assemblies and a distributor of industrial supplies, serving a wide range of markets and customers. Founded in 1857 and headquartered in Bristol, Connecticut, Barnes Group consists of three businesses with 2003 sales of \$891 million: Associated Spring, one of the world's largest manufacturers of precision mechanical and nitrogen gas springs and a global supplier of retaining rings and injection-molded components; Barnes Aerospace, a manufacturer and repairer of highly engineered assemblies and components for commercial and military aircraft engines, airframes, and land-based industrial gas turbines; and Barnes Distribution, an international, full-service distributor of maintenance, repair and operating supplies. Over 5,900 dedicated employees at more than 50 locations worldwide contribute to Barnes Group Inc.'s success.

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