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Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group and Rieskamp Equipment Company Announce Strategic Merger

Move will make new division an industry leader

CINCINNATI, OH: --- Bill Oeters, President, and Mel Fisher, Chairman of the Board of **Galaxy Associates, Inc.**—Cincinnati-based manufacturers and suppliers of high quality specialty chemical products, equipment and services to industry—announce a strategic merger between **Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group** and **Rieskamp Equipment Company**. **Rieskamp Equipment Company**—with manufacturing headquarters in Indianapolis—designs, installs, and services automatic wash systems for trucks, buses, trash trucks, trains, and public works facilities. As a result of the merger, customers can now turn to a single source for the industry's premier durable drive-through fleet wash equipment and a national service network providing cutting edge cleaning products and regularly scheduled preventive maintenance service.

Terms of the agreement—effective March 1, 2008—are not being disclosed. Edward B. Rieskamp, President of Rieskamp Equipment Company, will remain with the new division.

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“This merger has produced a dynamic, new leader for the transportation market segment by leveraging the abilities of Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group to provide the kind of outstanding field service support Rieskamp Equipment Company customers want and need,” said Oeters. “This includes the delivery of cleaning products and preventive maintenance service—essential to ensuring that customers do not experience any interruptions in their operations.”

Because the companies have historically shared a similar philosophy of customer service, Ed Rieskamp views the merger as an ideal alliance. “Our individual companies were built upon solid business relationships that developed through service promises made and kept,” noted Rieskamp. “Together, that commitment to customer service gets even stronger with a renewed commitment to excellence, dependability and customer service that is second to none in the industry.”

Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group provides state-of-the-art custom blended cleaning products including neutral pH cleaners and brighteners, non-hydroflouric acidic brightening products, optical brightening cleaners and post rinse wax and final rinse products as well as fleet drive-through equipment. **Galaxy Associates, Inc.** also specializes in cleaners, sealers and specialty chemistries for its other major divisions including Metal Finishing, Metalworking, Automotive and Pulp & Paper.

For over 39 years, **Rieskamp Equipment Company** has been designing, manufacturing, installing and servicing highly efficient drive-through wash systems for large vehicles (trucks, trains, buses, planes, missiles and tanks)—both domestically and internationally. **Rieskamp Equipment Company** is also the only manufacturer of vehicle wash systems to offer a lifetime warranty.

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“This merger significantly enhances our customers’ opportunities for meaningful business growth and success,” said Fisher. “That’s because our new entity offers the perfect combination of quality components (that utilize no proprietary parts to keep maintenance expenses low), and ideally formulated cleaning products to produce the most effective, efficient wash systems capable of cleaning vehicles in approximately two minutes. A consistently clean, well-cared for fleet gives our customers the positive brand image they desire most.”

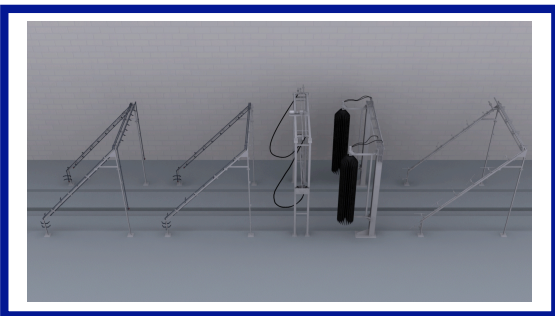
All **Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group** and **Rieskamp Equipment Company** executives and sales associates will remain with the newly merged division. Additional sales associates will be hired as needed to ensure that all Rieskamp Equipment Company customers throughout the country have ready access to preventive maintenance service and product support.

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Galaxy Associates Transportation Service Group fleet drive-through equipment (L) and Rieskamp Equipment Company bus wash system (R).

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The completion of the purchase of Rieskamp Equipment Company constitutes Galaxy Associates' fourth transaction in the last five years. Each transaction has contributed to Galaxy's sales growth rate of over 75% per year over the same time period.

The three previous transactions include:

March, 2003

Galaxy acquired the Nalco Transportation Division from E Mitchell Specialties in Point Clear, AL.

April, 2004

Galaxy acquired the Industrial Division of Fremont Industries in Shakopee, MN.

February, 2007

Galaxy acquired Innovative Chemical Solutions in Jackson, MI.

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