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Supplier Excellence Alliance Announces New Officers For 2009

IRVINE, Calif., December 15, 2008 – Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA) Board Chairman, Michael G. Beason announced the election of new officers for 2009 to the SEA Board of Directors. Current board member, Frank Thompson was elected President, board member Bill Hayden was elected First Vice President, board member Randal (Randy) Fry was elected Treasurer, and board member David J. Blanco was elected to serve another term as Board Secretary.

Frank Thompson is the group vice president of supply chain management for Parker Aerospace. Named to the position in June 2007, Thompson is responsible for developing and implementing group-wide plans and strategies for strategic supply chain. Joining the company in 1998, Thompson has held positions in procurement at Parker's Air & Fuel Division. Most recently, Thompson served as supply chain director for the division. Prior to coming to Parker, Thompson held such roles as materials director and purchasing manager at Interstate Electronics Corporation and the former Hughes Aircraft Company. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from California State University, Long Beach, and a master in business administration degree from Pepperdine University, Irvine, California, and campus. Thompson is also a graduate of Parker's Taking Charge of Change program.

Bill Hayden is Senior Director Supplier Performance Management, Honeywell Aerospace. Mr. Hayden is a Supplier Management professional responsible for developing and implementing a Supplier Quality Improvement Process (SQIP) across the Honeywell Aero supply base. The SQIP is a process that is data driven to measure and improve the Honeywell supply base by applying Advanced Product Quality Planning, Current Supplier Quality Improvement and a defined Supplier Development Process. Prior to joining Honeywell, Bill had a 28-year career at General Motors Powertrain. He held various positions including the Director Supplier Quality & Development for Powertrain and the joint ventures between GM and Isuzu in North America, Europe and Asia. Mr. Hayden is a graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Randel (Randy) Fry has been CEO and owner of Airco Industries (d.b.a Photo Etch) since 1997. Under Randy's guidance, Photo Etch has developed a leadership status in the aerospace manufacturing industry and has established a significant customer base that includes: Boeing, Lockheed-Martin, Rockwell Collins, Raytheon, Honeywell, L-3 Communications, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Navy. Prior to purchasing Airco, Randy was in the capital equipment manufacturing industry for more than 22 years. His numerous positions have spanned senior and general management, worldwide service management and engineering – among others. Randy has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology and an MBA from the University of Dallas. He also attended the Syracuse University Graduate School of Advanced Management and Marketing program.

David J. Blanco is the Small Business Director for the Supplier Excellence Alliance. Mr. Blanco supports small business development and program implementation for SEA small suppliers. Mr. Blanco serves as a member of the 2008 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Award program, served as a Judge for the California Baldrige program, advised a United States Senate Committee on Hispanic workforce development issues and initiatives, participated on a California Senate Select Committee for Workforce Apprenticeships, received various commendations from state and local government, Mr. Blanco's

educational background includes undergraduate studies at the University of Redlands and graduate studies in Business Management at the Peter F. Drucker Executive Management Center at Claremont Graduate University.

SEA member companies represented on its board of directors include The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation, EADS North America, Esterline Corporation, United Technologies, Inc, Parker Aerospace, Rockwell Collins, Cessna Aircraft Company, Honeywell Aerospace, Hitco Carbon Composites, Dresser- Rand Group, Roberts Tool Company, Cristek Interconnects, Photo Etch Company, and DRS Technologies.

SEA partners and alliances include Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC), California Council for Excellence and California Space Authority.

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