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United Air Specialists Marks 40 Years of Providing Air Cleaning Solutions

CINCINNATI, OH – May 10, 2006 – As United Air Specialists, Inc (UAS) celebrates 40 years of designing, manufacturing and selling air cleaning solutions, the company reflects on how their product line has evolved to meet constantly changing air quality concerns in the wide variety of markets they service.

“It is interesting to look back on our history and track how our technology changed based on the changes happening in society, in the manufacturing process and in the regulatory environment,” said Steven Trame, vice president of sales and marketing. “While some of our customers’ specific needs have changed over the years, the need for the service we provide – clean, breathable air – never diminishes in importance. In fact, the awareness is at an all time high.”

UAS Tackles Indoor Air Quality Concerns for the Commercial Market

The company’s first product was the Smokeeater®, a two-stage electrostatic precipitator (ESP) made to eliminate the irritating effects of cigarette smoke. Today, thousands of Smokeeters are used in restaurants, bars and bowling alleys as a customer-friendly solution to pacify both smokers and non-smokers alike.

UAS Grows as Industry Addresses Air Pollution Control

In 1970, UAS introduced the Smog-Hog® industrial electrostatic precipitator (ESP) in response to growing interest in improving air quality in industrial facilities. The Smog-Hog features an optimized balance of electrostatic precipitation to ensure maximum air cleaning efficiency that achieves Federal Clean Air Act requirements as well as stringent state and local air pollution regulations.

“The energy saving benefits gained from a self-contained operating system like Smog-Hog that re-circulates filtered conditioned air is more important today than ever,” said Trame.

Since introduction, the Smog-Hog product line has expanded to service the needs for industrial exterior vented process emissions control and commercial kitchen exhaust systems. These custom designed solutions feature in-place automated cleaning systems to minimize the handling of components inherent in routine system service. Today, Smog-Hog is one of the most recognized brand names in indoor re-circulated or exterior vented air pollution control.

In 1989, UAS expanded their served markets through the strategic acquisition of PTS Industries. PTS, a manufacturer of FABRIMAX and CYCLOMAX dust collection equipment, was a natural fit that rounded out the UAS line of industrial air cleaning equipment.

Since 2000, UAS has invested significant resources into an entirely new and innovative dust collection product line that features cyclones, cartridge collectors, bag collectors, mist and envelope collectors, downdraft benches, portable systems, and a full line of aftermarket replacement filters. Today, UAS features one of the most technically advanced and best performing industrial dust collection product lines available in their chosen markets. As a world leader in air cleaning and pollution control, UAS' application expertise and industrial experience provides time proven system solutions designed to meet their customer's needs.

UAS Expands Expertise of Electrostatic Technology

In 1986, UAS expanded their expertise of electrostatic technologies with the introduction of Kleentek® electrostatic oil filtration systems. Unlike traditional filtration, Kleentek's patented electrostatic technology removes all insoluble contaminants including the sub-micronic particles of degradation by-products that are responsible for the creation of varnish in oil lubrication systems. The result is ultra-pure oil that serves as a cleaner for the entire lubrication system, stripping away varnish one molecular layer at a time.

The Kleentek dedicated solution utilizes a kidney-loop process that can be applied to virtually any hydraulic or oil lubrication system. "Our Kleentek customers rave about the value-added savings gained through the significant extension of oil life, virtual elimination of costly system flushes, and avoidance of unplanned equipment down time," said Trame. "Our Kleentek solution becomes a key element in our customers' reliability program and an essential partner in profitable operations."

In 1988, UAS introduced Totalstat electrostatic coating systems that utilize the principles of electrostatics to simultaneously charge and propel liquids. Totalstat's breakthrough technology enables their customers to achieve coating precision rates previously considered unobtainable. Totalstat systems are custom designed to spray oils, release agents, flavorings, lubricants and various coatings.

A Proud History – A Bright Future

In 1997, United Air Specialists was acquired by CLARCOR, Inc., a publicly traded, diversified marketer and manufacturer of mobile, industrial and environmental filtration products and packaging goods. CLARCOR offers the industry's broadest filtration product range with more than 100,000 different applications, superb product quality, leading brands, extensive distribution network and technical expertise to serve customers worldwide. As a member of the CLARCOR family, UAS continues to make significant investments into industry leading engineering technologies, state-of-the-art manufacturing processes, and customer driven products and services.

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Now in its 40th year, United Air Specialists enjoys a well-deserved reputation of commitment to excellence in supplying their customers with the highest quality products and solutions in their chosen markets. UAS manufactures equipment from multiple plant operations in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and China, and sells through its world-class distribution organization of international dealers, distributors and representatives. To find a dealer near you, visit their web site at www.uasinc.com or contact directly at 1-800-252-4647.

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