

Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. to Rationalize Global Aluminum Wheel Capacity

NORTHVILLE, Mich., Jan. 14 -- Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. ("Hayes" or the "Company") announced today that it will close its Barcelona, Spain cast aluminum manufacturing facility. The plant closing is part of the Company's ongoing plan to align its capacity with market conditions and eliminate costs.

The plant, which employs approximately 140 people, manufactures aluminum wheels for automotive customers located in Spain. The Company's customers are supportive of the closing and the Company's plans to move current production to other Hayes facilities.

"The closing of our Barcelona facility was a difficult decision because we have a talented and dedicated workforce at the facility," said Pieter Klinkers, President, Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific. "Due to the overcapacity in the global aluminum wheel market, increased pricing pressure and increased production costs, we believe that closing the facility will best enable us to retain our competitive edge. Our global footprint remains the largest in the wheel manufacturing industry, enabling us to meet the needs of our global customers as well as to realize the growth targeted in our business plans."

The Company announced that the Barcelona facility will continue to operate while closure details are finalized with the unions. The Company's steel wheel operations in Manresa, Spain are not affected by this decision.

About Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc.

Originally founded in 1908, Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. is a leading worldwide producer of aluminum and steel wheels for passenger cars and light trucks and of steel wheels for commercial trucks and trailers. The Company has global operations with 22 facilities, including business, sales offices and manufacturing facilities, located in 12 countries around the world. The Company sells products to every major North American, Asian and European manufacturer of passenger cars and light trucks and to commercial highway vehicle customers throughout the world.

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