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TriMas Corporation Announces Tom Aepelbacher as President of Its Aerospace and Defense Segment

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) - a diversified global manufacturer of engineered and applied products - today announced the appointment of Tom Aepelbacher as president of the Aerospace & Defense segment at TriMas Corporation. Aepelbacher, currently vice president of the global services organization at TriMas Corporation, will continue reporting directly to TriMas President and Chief Executive Officer Dave Wathen.

"With Tom's experienced operational and leadership skills, he is well positioned to lead one of our most important growth platforms into the future," said Dave Wathen, president and chief executive officer of TriMas Corporation. "He is a seasoned operations leader with 30 years of experience in manufacturing, supply chain and lean initiatives. We expect Tom to contribute greatly to the continued success of the Aerospace & Defense segment and supplement the existing management teams in place."

The Aerospace & Defense segment designs, develops and manufactures precision engineered components to serve the aerospace and defense markets, and is comprised of Monogram Aerospace Fasteners, Mac Fasteners, Martinic Engineering, Inc. and NI Industries. With this management addition, David Adler, an experienced aerospace executive with extensive customer relationships and product knowledge, will now focus on product development across the aerospace businesses and will report to Aepelbacher.

Aepelbacher joined TriMas in 2003, and since March 2010, was vice president of TriMas' Global Services Organization. Aepelbacher served as the vice president of operations at TriMas' Cequent Performance Products before his current role. Prior to TriMas, he worked as an operations manager for General Motors-Powertrain, as well as the general manager and vice president of operations for ATC, an aftermarket automotive parts company.

Aepelbacher received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Manufacturing from Northern Michigan University.

About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas Corporation (NASDAQ: TRS) provides engineered and applied products for growing markets worldwide. TriMas is organized into six reportable segments: Packaging, Energy, Aerospace & Defense, Engineered Components, Cequent APEA and Cequent Americas. TriMas has approximately 6,000 employees at more than 60 facilities in 19 countries. For more information, visit <u>www.trimascorp.com</u>.

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