



## TriMas' Monogram Aerospace Unit Wins BAE Systems' Chairman's Award

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., Dec 22, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- TriMas Corporation (NYSE: TRS) - a diversified growth company of highly-engineered, specialty niche businesses - today announced that its Monogram Aerospace Fasteners unit won a Chairman's Award from BAE Systems, the nation's leading global defense and aerospace company.

Monogram was presented with the award in a ceremony held at the Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel in Clayton-le-Moors, UK, for participating in the BAE Systems' Eurofighter program with an innovative new blind bolt fastener. The fastener, which applies much higher clamping strength, is helping BAE meet its high standards for fighter production and performance.

The Chairman's Award recognizes employees and industry partners for outstanding, new and innovative ways in which they shape BAE Systems and contribute towards its global success. The 2008 Bronze Award inscription reads, "We recognize people whose ideas, actions and behaviors make BAE Systems a better, more competitive company and help us live our values."

Forty Bronze Awards were presented at this event, and the first was for "Fin Skin Installation Improvements" to Geoff Dandy of BAE and David Hammond of Monogram Aerospace Fasteners. More than 3,800 nominations, across the three categories of Enhancing Customer Performance, Innovation and Transferring Best Practice, were received worldwide in 2008.

Dave Hammond, Director of European Sales and Marketing for Monogram, accepted the award on behalf of Monogram and acknowledged the efforts and support of the Monogram team back in Los Angeles. Monogram was the only supplier to be honored at this event, which normally recognizes internally generated improvements.

### About Monogram Aerospace Fasteners

Monogram designs, develops and manufactures highly-engineered specialty fasteners for the aerospace industry, as well as replacement and maintenance parts for its aftermarket. The company is also the leader in permanent blind bolts for aircraft assembly and temporary fasteners for aircraft construction. Products include Visu-Lok®, Visu-Lok II®, Radial-Lok® blind bolts and the OSI-Bolt® fastener, the first one-sided fastener approved to replace traditional two-piece fasteners in certain applications on the primary aircraft structure.

### About TriMas

Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, TriMas Corporation (NYSE: TRS) is a diversified growth company of high-end, specialty niche businesses manufacturing a variety of products for commercial, industrial and consumer markets worldwide. TriMas Corporation is organized into five strategic business groups: Packaging Systems, Energy Products, Industrial Specialties, RV & Trailer Products and Recreational Accessories. TriMas Corporation has nearly 5,000 employees at 70 different facilities in 10 countries. For additional information, please visit [www.trimascorp.com](http://www.trimascorp.com).

### About BAE Systems

BAE Systems is the premier global defense and aerospace company delivering a full range of products and services for air, land and naval forces, as well as advanced electronics, information technology solutions and customer support services. With approximately 100,000 employees worldwide, BAE Systems' sales exceeded 15.7 billion pounds Sterling (US \$31.4 billion) in 2007.

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