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Spartan Chassis Expands Manufacturing Capacity With Two Additional Plants

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., April 9, 2007 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), announced the purchase of two manufacturing facilities near its headquarters in Charlotte, Mich.

The facilities, which total 80,000 square-feet, will help Spartan meet anticipated increased demand from its military customers to supply and integrate key chassis components for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, while also creating capacity at Spartan's other facilities for fire truck and motorhome chassis production.

"We are growing our overall capacity to meet the sustained demand we are seeing for our specialty chassis products," said Richard Schalter, president of Spartan Chassis. "Along with our newly constructed 107,000-square-foot fire truck cab and chassis facility, the new facilities will allow us to grow market share for existing products, while also introducing new products."

Spartan Motors reported it plans to spend \$8 million to purchase and renovate the facilities, and expects the two recently purchased facilities to be operational in the third quarter of 2007.

"Our recent capacity additions are improving efficiency at Spartan Chassis, as we can better specialize and focus production within a facility on just RV, fire truck or specialty vehicle products," said John Sztykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. "Overall, the dynamic of added capacity and efficiency will help us grow as we focus on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America."

The MRAP vehicles are designed to protect their occupants from a combination of mines, rocket-propelled grenades, or RPGs, and improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, through their V-shaped hull, raised chassis and improved armor. According to U.S. government reports, roadside bombs and IEDs account for 70 percent of U.S. deaths and injuries in Iraq.

Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors, which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$445 million in 2006 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

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Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Technical complications may arise that could prevent the prompt implementation of the plans outlined above. The company cautions that these forward-looking statements are further qualified by other factors including, but not limited to, those set forth in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filing and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (available at <http://www.sec.gov>). Government contracts and subcontracts typically involve long payment and purchase cycles, competitive bidding, qualification requirements, delays or changes in funding, extensive specification development and changes, price negotiations and milestone requirements. An announced award of a governmental contract is not equivalent to a finalized executed contract and does not assure that orders will be issued and filled. Government agencies also often retain some portion of fees payable upon completion of a project and collection of contract fees may be delayed for long periods, which can negatively impact both prime contractors and subcontractors. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any statements in this release, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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