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Spartan Motors Honors Supplier Performance Excellence

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., March 18, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) recognized its top-performing suppliers at its 8th Annual Supplier Conference yesterday in Charlotte, Mich.

"Spartan strives to procure high quality products and services that are delivered on time to support daily operations, but are also innovative and add value to the Spartan Chassis product lines," said Jeremy Wilson, Director of Supply Chain Management. "Spartan's suppliers play a critical role in ensuring our success in today's competitive environment."

The following companies met or exceeded Spartan's standards of excellence for 2009:

- Allison Transmission (Indianapolis, IN)
- American Cooling Systems (Bloomfield Hills, MI)
- Bolton Conductive Systems (Walled Lake, MI)
- Formed Solutions, Inc. (Holland, MI)
- Harris Battery Company, Inc. (Bolivar, OH)
- Professional Metal Works (East Lansing, MI)
- Redmer Industries (Lansing, MI)
- Seats Incorporated (Westerville, OH)
- St. Clair Technologies, Inc. (Wallaceburg, Ontario)
- Titan Wheel Corporation (Chicago, IL)
- Vehicle Improvement Products (Antioch, IL)
- Wiley Metal Fabricating, Inc. (Marion, IN)

The performance of Spartan's suppliers is continually assessed and evaluated by the Supplier Performance Action Review Committee (SPARC). To meet Spartan's standards of excellence, suppliers must meet performance criteria related to quality, delivery, customer support and competitiveness.

The SPARC awards, now in their eighth year, recognized the top four percent of Spartan's more than 300 suppliers for their ability to perform on time and on budget.

About Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., (theshyftgroup.com) a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles and truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the outdoor recreation/RV, emergency-response, defense, delivery and service markets. The company's brand names **Spartan(TM)**, **Crimson Fire(TM)**, **Crimson Fire Aerials(TM)**, **Road Rescue(TM)** and **Utilimaster(R)** - are known for quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products. The company employs approximately 1,600 at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Indiana and Texas. Spartan reported sales of \$430 million in 2009 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis.

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