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Spartan Motors' Mountain Master Chassis Featured on Coachmen RV Renewed Partnership Marks Return of Spartan to the Sportscoach

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., Dec. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Spartan Motors, Inc. (NASDAQ:SPAR) today announced it will supply its Mountain Master chassis as the foundation for the 2004 Sportscoach Legend motorhome built by Elkhart, Ind.-based Coachmen Industries, Inc.

The Charlotte, Mich.-based manufacturer of motorhome chassis, fire truck chassis and emergency vehicles said the agreement marks the return of the Mountain Master chassis to the Sportscoach. Coachman had used another chassis provider since the mid-1990s; Spartan's Mountain Master and EC2000 were the foundation of a variety of Coachmen products in the late 1980s and early '90s.

"We are pleased to once again supply Coachmen with a quality, custom-built chassis for its heralded Sportscoach Legend," said Rich Schalter, president of Spartan Motors Chassis, Spartan's chassis manufacturer and largest subsidiary. "We are dedicated to delivering a premium diesel-pusher chassis that can be easily integrated to Coachman's manufacturing needs, and are confident that Sportscoach owners will recognize the difference in ride, handling and performance that comes with a Spartan chassis."

The Mountain Master chassis that will be used on the Sportscoach Legend features a turbo-charged 400 horsepower Cummins engine, a six-speed Allison transmission, anti-lock brakes and Spartan's Independent Front Suspension system.

About Coachmen

Founded in 1964, Coachmen Industries, Inc. is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of recreational vehicles with well-known brand names including Coachmen(R), Georgie Boy(R), Shasta(R) and Viking(R). Coachmen Industries is also the largest modular home producer in the nation with its All American Homes(R) and Mod-U-Kraf(R) subsidiaries. Modular commercial and telecommunications structures are manufactured by the Company's Miller Building Systems subsidiary.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. (theshyftgroup.com) is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances and other specialty vehicles. The Company also owns ambulance manufacturer Road Rescue Inc. and rescue vehicle manufacturer Crimson Fire, formerly Luverne Fire Apparatus and Quality Manufacturing.

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