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## SMP Rings New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell to Commemorate 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y., July 27, 2009** – SMP, a leading independent manufacturer, distributor and marketer of replacement parts for motor vehicles in the automotive aftermarket industry, announced today that the company's Board of Directors, certain company executives and guests will visit the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, to commemorate the company's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. In honor of this historic occasion, CEO Lawrence I. Sills will ring the NYSE Closing Bell at 4:00 p.m. EST.

"We are truly honored to have the opportunity to ring The Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange as a way to celebrate this important milestone in our company's long and prosperous history," said Sills. "SMP has been privileged to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange for over 30 years."

A live Web cast of The Closing Bell (beginning at 3:59 p.m. EST) will be available on the NYSE Web site at <http://www.nyse.com/about/Video/overview.html>. It will also be simulcast live at 3:59 p.m. EST respectively, on the billboard in the center of Times Square in New York City.

After the event, the NYSE will include a link to SMP's bell ringing on the NYSE Euronext Facebook fan page. Facebook visitors will be directed to SMP's event page on <http://www.nyse.com>, where they will be able to view and download the bell ringing.

### **About SMP:**

SMP is a leading independent manufacturer, distributor and marketer of replacement parts for motor vehicles in the automotive aftermarket industry. SMP is organized into two major operating segments, each of which focuses on a specific line of replacement parts. SMP's Engine Management Segment manufactures ignition and emission parts, ignition wires, battery cables and fuel system parts. SMP's Temperature Control Segment manufactures and remanufactures air conditioning compressors, air conditioning and heating parts, engine cooling system parts, power window accessories and windshield washer system parts. SMP products are marketed throughout the U.S., Canada, Latin America, Europe and Asia through traditional as well as non-traditional channels. For more information, visit [www.smpcorp.com](http://www.smpcorp.com).

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