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SPEAKMAN COMPANY RECEIVES THE 2008 W.L. GORE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

New Castle, DE – January 6th, 2009 - Speakman Company is honored to receive the 2008 Delaware Quality W.L. (Bill) Gore Award of Excellence. The “Gore Award” recognizes Delaware based companies that demonstrate high level of performance excellence. This is the highest award given by the independent Panel of Judges of the Delaware Quality Award (DQA).

“We are very excited to be awarded DQA’s W.L. (Bill) Gore Award of Excellence for 2008” said Speakman Company President Rod Ward. Since receiving the Commitment Award in 2003, Speakman Company has focused on improving internal processes based on the DQA’s recommendations. After five years of dedicated effort the company felt confident about reapplying. “It has been a worthwhile journey” added Ward. “We have spent the last five years making meaningful improvements to our processes including implementing many of the recommendations from our first DQA feedback report from 2003. As a result of our participation in DQA, we are a higher performing company with a brighter future.”

The Speakman Company was founded in 1869 as a plumbing pipefitting company. Leading the market transformation into modern-day showering nearly a century ago, Speakman showerheads are still considered absolutely the best. Retaining its independent and privately held status, Speakman has forged a reputation for continuous product innovation and quality leadership. Speakman is an acknowledged leader in specification quality plumbing fittings, electronic faucets and water bearing safety equipment.

For more information about Speakman Company’s line of innovative products registered to ISO 9001:2000, please visit our web site at www.speakmancompany.com or call us at 1-800-537-2107.

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