



BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC

BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS AGREES TO ACQUIRE ORS NASCO, INC.

DALLAS, November 21, 2005 – Brazos Private Equity Partners, of Dallas, today announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire ORS Nasco, Inc., the U.S.-based wholesale distribution business of Unidare plc, of Dublin, Ireland. Members of ORS Nasco's management team, including President and Chief Executive Officer Bill Scheller, will be equity participants in the transaction and own a significant stake in the company.

Formed in 2003 through the merger of Oklahoma Rig & Supply and Nasco Inc., two wholesale suppliers serving distributors in the industrial, welding, safety, construction, rental, and oilfield services sectors, ORS Nasco, based in Oklahoma, is a leading provider of branded and private-label products and services to industrial customers in the \$385 billion industrial supplies industry.

Randall S. Fojtasek, a Brazos Partner, said: “Over the past six years, Brazos has compiled a strong track record of distribution investments that have created significant value for our investors. ORS Nasco will be an excellent platform for further growth through the implementation of a buy-and-build approach adding value by means of both organic initiatives and acquisitions.”

Mr. Fojtasek added: “We are excited to partner with the management team of ORS Nasco to build upon the success they have achieved as a focused, innovative wholesale supplier. ORS Nasco is well-known and highly regarded in its business for delivering products and services that address the growing needs of the independent distributor.”

Mr. Scheller said: “I look forward to working with Brazos to continue the sales and profit growth that our team has achieved and to introduce or acquire new products and services that leverage the capabilities of the entire ORS Nasco organization.”

Oklahoma Rig & Supply, one of ORS Nasco's two predecessor companies, was founded in 1968 as a pure wholesale distributor serving industrial and oilfield distributors throughout the United States. Nasco Inc., the other predecessor company, was founded in 1959 as a pure wholesale distributor serving welding distributors nationwide. The combined organization represents more than 600 suppliers and stocks more than 140,000 products, maintaining its purely wholesale status by selling only through the 180,000 independent distributors it serves in the United States.

About Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC

Brazos Private Equity Partners specializes in leveraged acquisitions and recapitalizations of established middle-market companies with strong and proven management teams, predictable and growing cash flows, and significant growth potential. Based in Dallas, Brazos partners with management teams to invest in manufacturing, consumer products and services, healthcare, media, distribution, and financial service businesses. Since inception, Brazos has completed twenty-four transactions. For additional information about Brazos, please visit the firm's website at www.brazospartners.com.

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