



BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC

## **BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS ACQUIRES FUEL SYSTEMS**

DALLAS, Feb. 2, 2006 – Brazos Private Equity Partners LLC, of Dallas, today announced the acquisition of Fuel Systems (“Fuel Systems” or “the Company”), the leading North American supplier of fuel tanks for a wide variety of commercial vehicles ranging from light, medium and heavy duty trucks to other industrial and off-highway applications. Members of Fuel Systems’ management team, including CEO and President Keith Carpentier, will be equity participants in the transaction and own a significant stake in the Company. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Founded in 1939, Fuel Systems has established a leading brand name in the niche manufacturing of fuel tanks for commercial vehicles and developed an outstanding reputation for quality and responsiveness based on its strong engineering, service and flexible manufacturing capabilities. With more than 5,000 fuel tank styles, including vehicular-mounted steel and aluminum fuel tanks and hydraulic tanks engineered in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, materials and finishes, Fuel Systems has one of the broadest product offerings in the industry.

Patrick McGee, a Brazos Partner, said: “We are excited about the opportunity to invest alongside management in this successful, market-leading niche manufacturer. Led by Keith Carpentier, the Fuel Systems management team has continually improved manufacturing processes and deepened relationships with major customers. We look forward to providing continued support for those efforts and the Company’s growth going forward.”

Keith Carpentier said: “Fuel Systems’ dedicated work force and loyal, growing customer base are key components of the Company’s growth and success to date. Looking ahead, we are excited about teaming with Brazos, which shares our strategic vision and will bring their tremendous value-creation experience to bear as we continue our unrelenting drive to deliver the highest levels of service and manufacturing quality to our customers.”

### 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-six transactions, including eleven platform acquisitions. For additional information about Brazos, please visit the firm’s website at [www.brazospartners.com](http://www.brazospartners.com).

### About Fuel Systems, Inc.

Fuel Systems, Inc. is the leading independent North American supplier of fuel tanks for a wide variety of commercial vehicles ranging from light, medium and heavy duty trucks to other industrial and off-highway applications. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Company operates five strategically located manufacturing facilities across the country. For more information, visit [www.fuelsystemsinc.com](http://www.fuelsystemsinc.com).

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