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Standard Motor Products, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2013 Results and a Quarterly Dividend

New York, NY, August 7, 2013.....Standard Motor Products, Inc. (NYSE: SMP), an automotive replacement parts manufacturer and distributor, reported today its consolidated financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2013.

Consolidated net sales for the second quarter of 2013 were \$270.1 million, compared to consolidated net sales of \$268.9 million during the comparable quarter in 2012. Earnings from continuing operations for the second quarter of 2013 were \$16.4 million or 71 cents per diluted share, compared to \$13.7 million or 59 cents per diluted share in the second quarter of 2012. Excluding non-operational gains and losses identified on the attached reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP measures, earnings from continuing operations for the second quarter of 2013 were \$16.4 million or 70 cents per diluted share, compared to \$13.6 million or 59 cents per diluted share in the second quarter of 2013 were \$16.4 million or 70 cents per diluted share, compared to \$13.6 million or 59 cents per diluted share in the second quarter of 2012.

Consolidated net sales for the six month period ended June 30, 2013 were \$500.8 million, compared to consolidated net sales of \$480.6 million during the comparable period in 2012. Earnings from continuing operations for the six month period ended June 30, 2013 were \$26 million or \$1.12 per diluted share, compared to \$19.2 million or 83 cents per diluted share in the comparable period of 2012. Excluding non-operational gains and losses identified on the attached reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP measures, earnings from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013 were \$26 million or \$1.12 per diluted share and \$19 million or \$2 cents per diluted share, respectively.

Commenting on the results, Mr. Lawrence I. Sills, Standard Motor Products' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased with our second quarter results. We continued to show significant improvement in net earnings and earnings per share for the quarter and for six months.

"The primary driver was gross margin, which increased roughly three percentage points for the quarter and for the six months. We are seeing the fruits of our efforts over the past several years – with increased basic manufacturing, continued growth in our low cost manufacturing operations, and savings from consolidating and streamlining our recent acquisitions.

"Regarding sales, our Engine Management division had sales increases for the quarter and for the six months, in line with, or slightly better than, industry averages. Our one weak spot was Temperature Control sales, which were behind 2012 in the second quarter, including the benefit of the CWI acquisition. The fall off in sales led to a slight decline in Temperature Control operating profit.

"The primary cause for the Temperature Control sales decline was the cool and wet spring, as most of our accounts were well behind the prior year in their "out the door" sales for April and May. In June, however, their sales matched or slightly exceeded the prior year.

"We believe we are also seeing some inventory consolidation, as some of our accounts are combining their Four Seasons and CWI inventories. This is essentially a one-time event.

"In July, certain areas of the country experienced a heat wave. Some of this will be reflected in third quarter volume, but with the season rapidly drawing to a close, many of our accounts will not replace the product that was sold, and instead use this as an opportunity to reduce their inventory going into the winter months.

"Despite the decline in sales, our Temperature Control gross margin increased approximately two percentage points for the quarter and for the six months. We are beginning to see the benefits of consolidating the CWI operations into our facilities in Grapevine, Texas and Reynosa, Mexico.

"As we have said many times, our Temperature Control business is weather dependent, and results can fluctuate in the short term. In the long run, however, we are pleased with the continuing improvement of this business. "Our cash flow needs normally peak at mid-year due to the seasonality of our business. Including our latest acquisitions, our total debt at the end of June 2013 was \$68.5 million, a reduction of \$28.8 million from June 2012.

"In sum, despite the drop in sales in Temperature Control, we are satisfied with our second quarter results, both financially and operationally, though, as always, we work for continued improvement."

The Board of Directors has approved payment of a quarterly dividend of eleven cents per share on the common stock outstanding. The dividend will be paid on September 3, 2013 to stockholders of record on August 19, 2013.

Standard Motor Products, Inc. will hold a conference call at 11:00 AM, Eastern Time, on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. The dial in number is 866-952-1907 (domestic) or 785-424-1826 (international). The playback number is 800-677-6124 (domestic) or 402-220-0664 (international). The conference ID # is STANDARD.

Under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Standard Motor Products cautions investors that any forward-looking statements made by the company, including those that may be made in this press release, are based on management's expectations at the time they are made, but they are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, events or performance to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Among the factors that could cause actual results, events or performance to differ materially from those risks and uncertainties discussed in this press release are those detailed from time-to-time in prior press releases and in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the company's annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. By making these forward-looking statements, Standard Motor Products undertakes no obligation or intention to update these statements after the date of this release.

STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC. Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | THREE MON JUNE | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 2012 |
| NET SALES | (Unauc) \$ 270,126 | \$ 268,875 | (Unaudited) \$ 500,834 \$ 480,586 |
| COST OF SALES | 192,330 | 199,531 | 357,210 356,692 |
| GROSS PROFIT | 77,796 | 69,344 | 143,624 123,894 |
| SELLING, GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RESTRUCTURING AND INTEGRATION EXPENSES OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) , NET | 50,588 200 212 | 46,609 13 (32) | 100,198 91,385 618 137 442 21 |
| OPERATING INCOME | 27,220 | 22,690 | 43,250 32,393 |
| OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENSE, NET | (64) | (24) | (260) (66) |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | 646 | 842 | 1,218 1,555 |
| EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE TAXES | 26,510 | 21,824 | 41,772 30,772 |
| PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | 10,110 | 8,103 | 15,806 11,557 |
| EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | 16,400 | 13,721 | 25,966 19,215 |
| LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATION, NET OF INCOME TAXES | (357) | (317) | (749) (617) |
| NET EARNINGS | \$ 16,043 | \$ 13,404 | \$ 25,217 \$ 18,598 |
| | | | |
| NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: | | | |
| BASIC EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED OPERATION NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE - BASIC | \$ 0.71 (0.01) \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 (0.01) \$ 0.59 | \$ 1.13 \$ 0.84 (0.03) (0.03) \$ 1.10 \$ 0.81 |
| DILUTED EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED OPERATION NET EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE - DILUTED | \$ 0.71 (0.02) \$ 0.69 | \$ 0.59 (0.01) \$ 0.58 | \$ 1.12 \$ 0.83 (0.03) (0.03) (0.03) \$ 1.09 \$ 0.80 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON AND DILUTIVE SHARES | 22,981,337 23,261,118 | 22,872,618 23,104,654 | 22,917,76922,870,06923,190,09123,111,732 |

STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC. Segment Revenues and Operating Profit

(In thousands)

| | THREE MONTHS JUNE 30, | ENDED | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, |
|--|---|---|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 2012 |
| | (unaudited) |) | (unaudited) |
| <u>Revenues</u> Engine Management Temperature Control All Other | \$ 182,050 86,660 1,416 \$ 270,126 | \$ 172,644 93,036 3,195 \$ 268,875 | \$ 357,559 \$ 335,659 139,388 138,327 3,887 6,600 \$ 500,834 \$ 480,586 |
| Gross Margin | | | |
| Engine Management | \$ 54,380 29.9% | \$ 46,277 26.8% | \$ 106,094 29.7% \$ 89,270 26.6% |
| Temperature Control | 20,342 23.5% | 19,871 21.4% | 31,328 22.5% 28,448 20.6% |
| All Other | 3,074 | 3,196 | 6,202 6,176 |
| | \$ 77,796 28.8% | \$ 69,344 25.8% | \$ 143,624 28.7% \$ 123,894 25.8% |
| Selling, General & Administrative | | | |
| Engine Management | \$ 29,614 16.3% | \$ 28,340 16.4% | \$ 60,175 16.8% \$ 57,331 17.1% |
| Temperature Control | 13,414 15.5% | 12,096 13.0% | 24,773 17.8% 20,606 14.9% |
| All Other | 7,560 | 6,173 | 15,250 13,448 |
| | \$ 50,588 18.7% | \$ 46,609 17.3% | \$ 100,198 20.0% \$ 91,385 19.0% |
| | | | |
| Operating Profit | ¢ 04.700 to or | ¢ 47.007 to tot | |
| Engine Management Temperature Control | \$ 24,766 13.6% 6,928 8.0% | \$ 17,937 10.4% 7,775 8.4% | \$ 45,919 12.8% \$ 31,939 9.5% 6.555 4.7% 7,842 5.7% |
| All Other | (4,486) | (2,977) | (9,048) (7,272) |
| | 27,208 10.1% | 22,735 8.5% | 43,426 8.7% 32,509 6.8% |
| Restructuring & Integration | (200) -0.1% | (13) 0.0% | (618) -0.1% (137) 0.0% |
| Other Income (Expense), Net | 212 0.1% | (32) 0.0% | <u> </u> |
| | <u>\$ 27,220</u> 10.1% | <u>\$ 22,690</u> 8.4% | \$ 43,250 8.6% \$ 32,393 6.7% |

STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC. Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Measures

| (In thousands, except per share amounts) | THREE MONTHS ENDED June 30, | | | SIX MONTHS ENDED June 30, | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------|------------|------------------------------|-----|-------------|--|
| | 2013 2012 | | | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | (Unaudi | ited) | | (Unaudite | ed) | | |
| GAAP EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | \$ 16,400 | \$ | 13,721 | \$ 25,966 | \$ | 19,215 | |
| RESTRUCTURING AND INTEGRATION EXPENSES (NET OF TAX) GAIN FROM SALE OF BUILDINGS (NET OF TAX) | 120 (157) | | 8 (157) | 371 (315) | | 82 (315) | |
| NON-GAAP EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | \$ 16,363 | \$ | 13,572 | \$ 26,022 | \$ | 18,982 | |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | \$ 0.71 | \$ | 0.59 | \$ 1.12 | \$ | 0.83 | |
| RESTRUCTURING AND INTEGRATION EXPENSES (NET OF TAX) GAIN FROM SALE OF BUILDINGS (NET OF TAX) | - (0.01) | | - | 0.01 (0.01) | | (0.01) | |
| NON-GAAP DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | \$ 0.70 | \$ | 0.59 | \$ 1.12 | \$ | 0.82 | |

MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THAT EARNINGS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS, WHICH ARE NON-GAAP MEASUREMENTS, ARE MEANINGFUL TO INVESTORS BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE A VIEW OF THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO ONGOING OPERATING RESULTS. SPECIAL ITEMS REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT CHARGES OR CREDITS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPANY'S OVERALL OPERATING RESULTS IN THE PERIODS PRESENTED. SUCH NON-GAAP MEASUREMENTS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GAAP MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE.

STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands)

| | June 30, 2013 (Unaudited) | | December 31, 2012 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| CASH | \$ | 12,275 | \$ | 13,074 | |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, GROSS ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET | | 158,796 <u>7,007</u> 151,789 | | 104,689 <u>6,124</u> 98,565 | |
| INVENTORIES OTHER CURRENT ASSETS | | 296,815 44,612 | | 267,468 39,446 | |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 505,491 | | 418,553 | |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES, NET OTHER ASSETS | | 64,119 75,127 28,556 | | 64,422 72,373 21,246 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 673,293 | \$ | 576,594 | |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| NOTES PAYABLE CURRENT PORTION OF LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCRUED CUSTOMER RETURNS OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES | \$ 68,334 103 90,157 44,977 93,035 | \$ 40,453 120 62,283 29,033 90,283 |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 296,606 | 222,172 |
| LONG-TERM DEBT ACCRUED ASBESTOS LIABILITIES OTHER LIABILITIES | 30 24,242 21,786 | 75 25,110 21,650 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 342,664 | 269,007 |
| TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 330,629 | 307,587 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 673,293 | \$ 576,594 |

STANDARD MOTOR PRODUCTS, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

| | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|------|--|
| | | 2013 | 2012 | |
| | (Unaudited) | | | |
| <u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u> NET EARNINGS ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET EARNINGS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | \$ | 25,217 | \$ | 18,598 |
| DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION OTHER CHANGE IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES: | | 8,545 8,173 | | 7,898 9,216 |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INVENTORY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | | (53,723) (31,885) 16,550 | | (44,472) 3,300 18,886 |
| OTHER NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVTIES | | 14,724 (12,399) | | 7,757 21,183 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACQUISITIONS OF AND INVESTMENTS IN BUSINESSES OTHER INVESTING ACTIVITIES NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | (5,551) (12,760) (596) (18,907) | _ | (5,296) (38,594) <u>6</u> (43,884) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES NET CHANGE IN DEBT PURCHASE OF TREASURY STOCK DIVIDENDS PAID OTHER FINANCING ACTIVITIES NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | _ | 27,819 (1,151) (5,037) 10,271 31,902 | _ | 23,947 (4,999) (4,121) <u>6,077</u> 20,904 |
| EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS at beginning of year CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS at end of year | \$ | (1,395) (799) 13,074 12,275 | \$ | 168 (1,629) 10,871 9,242 |