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Standard Motor Products, Inc. Announces the Passing of Director Robert Gerrity

New York, NY, July 6, 2012.....Standard Motor Products, Inc. (NYSE: SMP), an automotive replacement parts manufacturer and distributor, is saddened to announce the passing away of long-time director Robert M. Gerrity. Bob died peacefully at the age of 74 on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after complications from heart surgery.

Mr. Lawrence I. Sills, Standard Motor Products' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our friend and colleague, Bob Gerrity. Bob provided tremendous spirit, support and guidance to our company. He served on our Board since July 1996 and was Chairman of our Compensation and Management Development Committee. His extensive business experience and unique perspective greatly contributed to Standard and were immeasurable both to our company

and our Board. I will dearly miss my friend, and everyone at Standard joins me in extending condolences to his family at this sad time.”

The Board will begin the process of searching for a successor and will make an announcement when a new director and a new Chairman of the Compensation and Management Development Committee are selected.

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