

SUPERIOR INDUSTRIES TO CLOSE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANT IN FACE OF LOWER PRODUCT DEMAND

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VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA -- January 13, 2009 -- Superior Industries International, Inc. (NYSE:SUP), a supplier of aluminum wheels to automotive manufacturers, today announced it will close its manufacturing facility in Van Nuys, California, in an effort to further reduce costs and more closely align its capacity with sharply lower demand for light vehicles. With its remaining five plants in North America and joint venture in Hungary, Superior has sufficient capacity to accommodate current and expected production requirements.

The company said the move will eliminate approximately 290 jobs, representing 9% of Superior's total work force, and save approximately \$16.5 million in annualized labor costs.

Superior expects the plant closing to be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2009 and that it will incur severance and other associated costs of approximately \$2.1 million. The company said asset impairment charges related to the closing have yet to be determined but are expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter ended December 28, 2008. At December 28, 2008, the net book value of manufacturing equipment and related fixed assets at the Van Nuys manufacturing facility was approximately \$17.4 million.

"Closing the Van Nuys plant, where we launched our OEM aluminum wheel business over 30 years ago, and losing many loyal and long-term employees makes this decision particularly difficult," said Chairman, CEO and President, Steven Borick. "Nevertheless, it is imperative to right size our capacity in line with current and projected vehicle production while maintaining the leverage for future business opportunities. We are committed to coming out of this unprecedented business downturn as a stronger, leaner company."

About Superior Industries

Superior supplies aluminum wheels to Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Audi, BMW, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes Benz, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Seat, Skoda, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo. For more information, visit www.supind.com.

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