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Thompson Pump Primed for 2006 Success with New Top Management

PORT ORANGE, Fla. (February 6, 2006) - Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Co., Inc., of Port Orange, Fla., announces three management promotions for 2006. Doug French takes over as VP, Business Development and Asset Management, while Chris Thompson, son of company President, Bill Thompson, takes the reigns as VP, Branch Operations. Longtime Thompson Pump crew member, Del Ritz, now heads the Florida Region as Florida Region Manager.

“Our company is making the necessary changes to adapt to today’s highly competitive market,” said Bill Thompson, Thompson Pump president. “We recognized an opportunity to increase the value of Thompson Pump’s products and services and put the necessary people in place to make that happen.”

French, formerly VP, Branch Operations, and a 19-year Thompson veteran, takes on a new role for the company overseeing all facilities and major assets while managing company growth and expansion. French will continually evaluate each of the 19 company-owned branch locations for needed improvements; manage the company’s vehicle fleet program; evaluate inventory and rental fleet assets; and analyze potential new products.

Thompson, company stockholder and former Florida Region Manager for four years, now focuses on three regions including the Gulf Coast, Southeast and Florida, covering factory-owned branch locations and distributor territories to manage strategic market development, company growth and profitability, and the strengthening of distributor relationships. He will also concentrate efforts to improve personnel and value-added support to maximize customer satisfaction.

Ritz, a 17-year Thompson veteran, formerly worked alongside the nine salesmen in this territory as the Florida Regional Bypass Specialist. In his new position, he will be responsible for the profitability of seven branches and will oversee all salesmen and assist them with dewatering and bypass projects as well as making available and mobilizing necessary equipment.

Thompson Pump is an industry leader in the development of high quality engine-powered portable pumps, ranging in size from 2”-18”, for use in varied applications in the areas of public works, municipalities, construction, agriculture, dewatering, mining, sewer/lift stations, and water/waste water. The company sells and rents their entire line of dewatering pumps including wet and dry prime trash pumps, sound attenuated models, diaphragm pumps, hydraulic submersible pumps, high pressure pumps and wellpoint pumps as well as bypass systems, wellpoint systems and a complete line of pumping accessories.

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Thompson Pump, a family-owned company based in Port Orange, Fla., is a full-service manufacturer and provider of high quality pumps, pumping equipment and engineering expertise for the toughest dewatering, bypass and emergency pumping applications. Since 1970, Thompson Pump has assisted contractors worldwide with pump rental, sale, design, installation and operation. Thompson Pump operates sales, rental and service centers throughout Florida and in Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New England, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. The company also utilizes more than 30 regional, national and international distributors in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Thompson Pump is a Blue Chip Enterprise Award winner and their products meet the requirements for certification as defined by the Contractors Pump Bureau. For more information, call (800) 767-7310 or log onto www.thompsonpump.com.

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