

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Thompson Pump Announces 2006 Employees of the Year**

PORT ORANGE, Fla. (April 4, 2007) – Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Co., Inc., is pleased to recognize and congratulate Salesman of the Year, Larry Watson, Branch Manager of the Year, Pat DeWitt, and Distinguished Customer Service, Jay Giardina, for 2006.

Thompson Pump honored the following Sales Representative with the coveted Quota Buster award: Rick Waters, Jim Templeton, Jay Giardina, Jake Brunner, Jerry Golden, Dan Gutierrez, David Perry, Pat Kennedy, Jason Roberson, Pat DeWitt, Larry Watson, and Alan Worley.

In recognition of Outstanding Achievement on behalf of the company and their customers, the following special awards were presented: The Silver Sledgehammer to Pat Kennedy. The Silver Rake to Ashton Milam and Jason Roberson. The Silver Shovel to Dennis Heater, Jim Templeton, and Rick Waters.

Salesman of the Year, Larry Watson, a two-year Thompson Pump veteran, manages his South Carolina territory from Thompson's Myrtle Beach branch. Watson provides pump demonstrations and pumping expertise for customers on job sites where his experience and support can provide solutions to challenging applications immediately.

Pat DeWitt, Branch Manager in Savannah, Ga., wins the Branch Manager award for the second year in a row. DeWitt opened the branch with just one other team member and grew the location to employ nine persons. He attributes his continued success to an incredible branch staff that works together to manage daily pump rentals, sales, and service.

Jay Giardina wins the Distinguished Customer Service award for his efforts aiding in the continued relief of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Giardina is the first recipient of this coveted award.

"Pat, Jay, and Larry have really worked hard over the years to ensure that their customers' needs are met," said Chris Thompson, VP, Branch Operations. "That commitment to customer service is why Thompson Pump has been successful."

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.

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 is also aligned with 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](http://www.thompsonpump.com).

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