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Thompson Street Capital Partners Announces the Acquisition of Wright Metal Products, Inc.

St. Louis, Missouri, June 19, 2003 – Thompson Street Capital Partners announced today that it has acquired Wright Metal Products, Inc. headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina. Wright is a leading provider of steel shipping containers for the power sports and lawn and garden industries.

Thompson Street Capital acquired Wright because of its strong growth as well as its reputation for high quality and service to its blue chip customer base. Wright has capitalized on the recent conversion from wood shipping crates to more economic and environmentally friendly steel containers. “Although substantial growth remains from its existing customers,” noted James Cooper, Managing Principal for Thompson Street, “our resources will enable the company to grow through new customers outside its current geographic focus.”

The acquisition represented Thompson Street’s continued focus on its Executive Partners Program, where it allies with experienced industry executives both to seek and operate new businesses. “In this case,” Cooper said, “we partnered with Chuck Emmenegger and his Omnia Group who identified substantial material savings as well as possible business opportunities. To our knowledge we’re the only firm in the area with this type of program so we hope this example compels other entrepreneurs to contact us.” Emmenegger, an executive with 25 years experience in the steel fabrication industry, sourced the transaction, advised during due diligence, and will maintain an ongoing role in various cost reduction programs.

Thompson Street Capital Partners makes private equity investments in middle-market companies, defined as businesses with sales ranging from \$30 mm to \$200 mm. The firm focuses on control transactions with companies in manufacturing, service, and distribution industries. The company’s website can be found at www.thompsonstreet.net