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Wellman Products Group Recognized by Eaton Corporation as a *Premier Supplier*

September 16th, Solon, Ohio - Wellman Products Group, a division of Hawk Corporation, has earned Eaton Corporation's prestigious Premier Supplier Award. As part of the company's annual supplier recognition program, Eaton Corporation honored its premier suppliers last month. Companies receiving this award represent the top 0.2% of Eaton Corporation's worldwide supply base. This award assesses the suppliers in the areas of delivery, quality, product performance and inventory management. This is the fourth year that Eaton has recognized a select group of its suppliers with this esteemed award.

Addressing the group, Craig Reed, Senior vice president-Eaton SCM, said, "Our innovative technologies help customers manage power more efficiently, effectively and safely. Top-notch suppliers, like those recognized through this awards program, help us ensure we are meeting our commitments to our customers."

"This award is a result of the hard work, dedication and synchronized efforts of all the departments in our company," said Chris DiSantis, President & COO of Hawk Corporation. "Awards such as these are a direct result of our team's commitment to the core values of teamwork, bias for action and customer intimacy. Eaton is a unique partner that truly understands our business model and takes full advantage of all the differentiating research, development and friction technology we have to offer. We are very proud of our long and successful collaboration together."

Wellman Products Group, a part of Hawk Corporation (NYSE Amex: HWK), is a global leader in the development and supply of severe-duty & high performance friction materials for clutch, brake, transmission and industrial motion control systems. Wellman supplies original equipment manufacturers with superior friction solutions, global manufacturing capabilities and advanced material technologies. Wellman's products & services are utilized in a wide array of end markets including aerospace, heavy truck, construction, agriculture, powersports, motorsports, performance automotive, commercial fleet, mining and military. For more information, visit www.WellmanProducts.com



Pictured (L to R)
Tim Sinden
President, Eaton Truck North America
Chris DiSantis
President & COO, Hawk Corporation
Craig Reed
Senior VP, Eaton Supply Chain Management
Brady Phillips
Global Director, Eaton Supply Chain Management.

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