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CARQUEST and Gates Form Fleet Solutions Sales Force

RALEIGH, N.C., July 22, 2009 – CARQUEST Auto Parts and the Gates Corporation announced today a strategic partnership that will create a CARQUEST/Gates Fleet Solutions Sales Force that will represent CARQUEST Fleet and Heavy-duty product lines under the CARQUEST Fleet Solutions Division. The CARQUEST/Gates Fleet Solutions Sales Force will also continue to represent CARQUEST belts, hose, wipers, caps, thermostats, and hydraulic products as well as their other current responsibilities.

“The creation of a Fleet Solutions Sales Force shows our dedication to provide unparalleled customer service to this important segment of the aftermarket,” Todd Hack, President, CARQUEST Corporation said. “We are expanding our heavy-duty product coverage and with our Fleet Solution Sales Force we look forward to the opportunity to earn the business of heavy-duty and fleet customers.”

Steve Nichols, Vice President, CARQUEST division of Gates Corporation was instrumental in the new partnership.

“We’ve been a partner of CARQUEST for many years and with our expanded partnership to the Fleet Solutions segment of the business, we look forward to being the industry leader in fleet solutions.” Nichols said.

CARQUEST is a recognized market leader in automotive and heavy-duty application coverage and known for first-to-market status. Gates is the world’s leading manufacturer and aftermarket supplier of belts and hose, covering both domestic and import vehicles. Many of these products are the same as those specified by OEM’s around the world. The Gates Corporation has been recognized as one of the leading manufacturers of automotive power transmission products.

About CARQUEST

CARQUEST Auto Parts has more than 3,400 locations throughout North America. It is the premier supplier of replacement products, accessories, supplies and equipment for virtually all makes and models of automobiles, as well as light and heavy-duty trucks, off-road equipment, buses, recreational vehicles and agricultural equipment. Additionally, CARQUEST distributes and sells tools, equipment, chemicals, paint and accessories. For more information, please visit CARQUEST.com.

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