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ArvinMeritor Announces New Monthly Commodity Surcharge



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Company Taking Necessary Actions to Offset Surging Steel and Energy Prices

TROY, Mich., May 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ArvinMeritor, Inc. (NYSE: ARM) today reported that it plans to initiate a new commodity surcharge starting June 1, 2008.

"As a result of the sudden and extraordinary surges in the price of steel, energy and other commodities, we are implementing a monthly review and adjustment process on all products," said Chip McClure, chairman, CEO and president of ArvinMeritor. "We have a portfolio of complex products that require varying levels of commodities. We plan to adjust the surcharge as appropriate for each product line."

In ArvinMeritor's second-quarter earnings report issued on April 29, 2008, the company stated that the unprecedented volatility in the commodity markets -- including a global shortage of scrap steel, a rapid escalation in the price of critical raw materials such as iron ore, coking coal and metal alloys, and higher fuel and energy costs, would require it to take recovery actions to mitigate a significant impact to the company's financial results.

McClure continued, "We remain diligent in the performance improvement actions and cost reduction initiatives we are driving throughout our worldwide operations, however, these will not be enough to offset the level of cost increases we are experiencing. Our global team has worked hard to improve the company's financial results, and we have the responsibility to take the necessary actions to protect our bottom line."

The Commercial Vehicle Systems and Light Vehicle Systems business groups have conducted an extensive analysis to determine the magnitude of this situation and its potential effect on the business," said McClure. "Results of that analysis clearly indicate that immediate actions are necessary."

The company has begun discussions with its customers prior to implementing the surcharge.

About ArvinMeritor

ArvinMeritor, Inc. is a premier global supplier of a broad range of integrated systems, modules and components to the motor vehicle industry. The company serves commercial truck, trailer and specialty original equipment manufacturers and certain aftermarkets, and light vehicle manufacturers. Headquartered in Troy, Mich., ArvinMeritor employs approximately 19,000 people in 24 countries. ArvinMeritor common stock is

traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol ARM. For more information, visit the company's Web site at: <http://www.arvinmeritor.com/>.

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