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TriMark's Earns Silver-Level SQEP Certification from Caterpillar

New Hampton, IA—March, 2020 —TriMark Corporation – a worldwide leading designer and manufacturer of vehicle access hardware – has earned Caterpillar's silver-level Supplier Quality Excellence Process (SQEP) certification. This completes the corporate triad as TriMark's two other divisions (TriMark Europe and TriMark China) have also achieved this level.

Caterpillar created the SQEP to recognize those suppliers who demonstrate their commitment to excellence and drive a "zero defects" culture within their organizations. Certification levels include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum and reflect an order of increasing difficulty. Suppliers become SQEP certified by meeting or exceeding stringent supplier performance standards, such as product quality and shipping performance, which are measured over the course of a calendar year.

Designed to place special emphasis on performance excellence, the SQEP certification recognizes suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to product quality and service across Caterpillar's supply base. Additionally, the initiative recognizes a company's dedication to providing outstanding quality, delivery and cost, and is only presented to suppliers who consistently demonstrate superior performance.

"We are proud and honored to be recognized by Caterpillar with SQEP certification at all three locations said Scott Perkins, the company's Sr. Vice President. Our relationship with Caterpillar is of great importance to us and this certification demonstrates that we are committed to providing excellent products to Caterpillar's customers around the world"

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TriMark Corporation is a longtime supplier to Caterpillar (40 years) and a recognized leader in the design and manufacture of quality vehicle hardware products for the agricultural, construction, truck, recreational vehicle, mass transit/bus and enclosure markets. We offer a comprehensive selection of handles, latches, linkages, hinges, and complete door access systems that includes mechatronic solutions for keyless entry, vehicle security and ignition control. TriMark corporate headquarters is located in New Hampton, Iowa, USA and serves the European market through its subsidiary, TriMark Europe Ltd, based at Bardon Hill, near Coalville, Leicester and the China market through TriMark Xuzhou.

For more information about TriMark Corporation and its innovative products, visit www.trimarkcorp.com

The Caterpillar logo, featuring the word 'CATERPILLAR' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol. To the left of the text is a stylized orange and black graphic of a mountain peak.

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