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***Inc. Magazine Unveils Exclusive List of
America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000***

Westermeyer Industries Ranks No. 1754 on the 2009 Inc. 5000 with Three-Year Sales Growth of 180.6%

BLUFFS, Ill., September 9, 2009 -- *Inc.* magazine has ranked Westermeyer Industries No. 1754 on its third annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent-minded entrepreneurs.

"Savvy trend spotters and those who invest in private companies know that the Inc. 5000 is the best place to find out about young companies that are achieving success through a wide variety of unprecedented business models, as well as older private companies that are still expanding at an impressive rate," said Inc. 5000 project manager Jim Melloan. "That's why our list is so eagerly anticipated every year."

Founded in 2001, Westermeyer Industries designs, manufactures and distributes high-quality commercial components and accessories for the air conditioning and refrigeration industries. More than just a supplier, the company strives to be a component and accessory problem-solver. A "can-do" attitude permeates all Westermeyer Industries projects and is continually demonstrated through the company's commitment to engineering creativity and design ingenuity. With 54 employees, and a three-year revenue growth of 180.6%, Westermeyer Industries ranked 1754 overall on the *Inc.* 5000 list and 62 in the top 100 manufacturing companies.

"Our continued growth is the result of dedicated employees working together to accomplish a common goal of serving our customers. Meeting our customers' needs by shipping on time with proper follow-through before and after the sale is key to our success," said Gary Westermeyer, President of Westermeyer Industries.

This year, Westermeyer Industries introduced the most complete line of high pressure components, designed to work with R-410a and to withstand 675 psig. Products include oil separators, oil reservoirs, oil filters, accumulators and receivers.

The 2009 Inc. 5000, unveiled on Inc.com, serves as a unique report card on the U.S. economy. Despite the ongoing recession, aggregate revenue among the companies on the list actually increased to \$214 billion, up \$29 billion from last year, with a median three-year growth rate of 126 percent. The Inc. 5000 are responsible for creating more than 1 million jobs since their founding, making the list perhaps the best example of the impact private, fast-growing companies can have on the economy. Complete results

of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found on Inc.com.

To view the Westermeyer Industries company profile on inc.com, please visit <http://www.inc.com/inc5000/2009/company-profile.html?id=200917540>.

To learn more about Westermeyer Industries, visit the company's online catalog at <http://www.westermeyerind.com> or call 217.754.3277.

About Inc. 5000 Methodology

The Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million. The top 10 percent of companies on the list comprise the Inc. 500, now in its 28th year.

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