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T&L Foundry Dramatically Reduces Shakeout Using GMBOND® Sand Binder Cores

MINNESOTA, March 27, 2006 – Hormel Specialty Products Division announced today that T&L Foundry Incorporated has achieved significant reductions in shakeout time using cores made with GMBOND® Sand Binder. T&L Foundry is a non-ferrous foundry located just southwest of Tulsa, Oklahoma that makes a variety of cast parts ranging in size from a few ounces to 1,000 pounds.

Using GMBOND® Sand Binder cores made by Bender Foundry Service, Inc., a core manufacturer and sand distributor in Sigourney, Iowa, T&L Foundry was able to reduce the shakeout time on a small aluminum gas valve casting from approximately one week per thousand to three hours per thousand. Previously, removing cores from the casting resulted in many cracked parts from machine and manual removal efforts. T&L Foundry has also tested GMBOND® Sand Binder on several other cast parts and experienced easier core removal.

“By using cores made with GMBOND® Sand Binder, we were able to solve our shakeout problems and avoid purchasing additional equipment such as an oven to bake out cores,” said Bill Covington, President of T&L Foundry, Inc.

Cores made using the GMBOND™ process provide numerous benefits for foundries including easier shakeout, significantly lower toxic emissions and reduced energy costs from not having to bake out cores. Testing by the Casting Emission Reduction Program (CERP) has found that GMBOND reduces volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions by more than 90 percent in baseline comparisons to cores made with phenolic urethane resins.

For pricing and availability of cores made using GMBOND® Sand Binder by Bender Foundry Service, Inc. please phone 641-622-2046, or email bfs@lisco.com. For more information about GMBOND® Sand Binder, call 800-956-0399 or email gmbond@hormel.com.

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