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### For Immediate Release

## **Worthington Cylinders Austria recognized as one of Austria's best employers**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, February 26, 2009** - Worthington Cylinders, a Worthington Industries company (NYSE:WOR), today announced that its subsidiary in Kienberg, Austria, was named by the Great Place To Work® Institute as one of Austria's best employers.

The Best Places to Work list, published each year in seventeen countries in Europe and in the United States, ranks companies based on employees' perceptions of trust, credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie. Worthington Cylinders Austria ranked second among Austrian companies with more than 250 employees.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized as one of the country's best places to work," said David J. Kelly, managing director of Worthington Cylinders Austria. "It is a testament to the focus of all Worthington Cylinders Austria employees on developing and maintaining a culture built on mutual trust and respect. Our goal is to attract and retain the best people, and we are pleased to be recognized for those efforts."

"We are proud of the accomplishments of our employees in Austria," said Harry Goussetis, Worthington Cylinders president. "David and his team reflect the best of our company and exemplify our Philosophy."

This is the second consecutive year Worthington Cylinders Austria was recognized by the Great Place To Work® Institute. The facility ranked number eleven in the 2008 Best Places to Work in Austria list.

Worthington Cylinders is the world's leading global supplier of pressure cylinders, continually delivering solutions to its customers while exceeding their expectations in quality, service and value. Worthington Cylinders offers the most complete line of pressure cylinders in the industry, including liquefied petroleum; refrigerant and industrial gas cylinders, airbrake tanks and consumer products.

Worthington Industries is a leading diversified metal processing company with annual sales of approximately \$3 billion. The Columbus, Ohio, based company is North America's premier value-added steel processor and a leader in manufactured metal products such as metal

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framing, pressure cylinders, automotive past model service stampings, metal ceiling grid systems and laser welded blanks. Worthington employs approximately 7,000 people and operates 66 manufacturing facilities in 10 countries.

Founded in 1955, the company operates under a long-standing corporate philosophy rooted in the golden rule, with earning money for its shareholders as the first corporate goal. This philosophy, an unwavering commitment to the customer, and one of the strongest employee/employer partnerships in American industry serve as the company's foundation.

### **Safe Harbor Statement**

The company wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("the Act"). Statements by the company, which are not historical information constitute "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Act. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ from those projected. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include risks described from time to time in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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### **Editor's Note:**

A photo of the awards presentation is available upon request.

Photo cutline: Worthington Cylinders Austria was recognized by the Great Place To Work® Institute as one of Austria's best employers at a gala in Baden, Austria in February.