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For Immediate Release

Worthington Cylinders Introduces MAP-Pro™ Premium Hand Torch Fuel *Next generation of premium hand torch fuel replaces discontinued MAPP® gas*

Columbus, OH - February 19, 2008 - Worthington Cylinders, a Worthington Industries Company (NYSE:WOR), introduced MAP-Pro™ gas today as the new premium fuel for the hand torch industry.

“Since 2004, we have been thoroughly evaluating cleaner and more efficient alternatives to MAPP gas with similar or greater performance characteristics,” said Harry Goussetis, president of Worthington Cylinders. “We are pleased to introduce MAP-Pro as the premium replacement fuel for hand torch professionals.”

MAP-Pro has a higher flame temperature and better combustion intensity than propane, which enables the professional user to complete their task more quickly. Worthington anticipates supply of the new premium fuel to its customers to begin on or about March 1.

The introduction comes on the heels of last week’s announcement by Pétromont and Co., the sole North American manufacturer of MAPP® gas, that it will no longer produce MAPP gas as it is closing its Canadian operations indefinitely on April 30, 2008. MAPP gas is currently the hand torch industry’s premium fuel used primarily by professionals.

“I am pleased that we are now well positioned to respond quickly and confidently to this sudden and unexpected supply disruption, and as seamlessly as possible, provide for our customers’ demands,” added Goussetis.

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, air brake tanks, and consumer products.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, the company operates eight ISO 9001:2000 facilities in the United States, Austria, Canada, Portugal and Czech Republic,

supplying to more than 70 countries worldwide. For more information, visit WorthingtonCylinders.com.

About Worthington Industries

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 framing, metal ceiling grid systems, pressure cylinders, automotive past model service stampings and laser-welded blanks. The company employs more than 8,000 people and operates 67 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 relationships in American industry serves as the company's foundation. For more information, visit WorthingtonIndustries.com.

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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