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QS-9000 Supplier Quality Requirements Task Force Appoints QSU Publishing for Global Database

Southfield, Mi. – The QS-9000 Supplier Quality Requirements Task Force (SQRTF) representing DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation announced that it has appointed QSU Publishing, Fairfax, Virginia as the official repository of the automotive supplier listings maintained in the Worldwide Sanctioned QS-9000 Database.

The Database, which will be transferred to QSU Publishing effective on March 20, 2003, includes data on automotive suppliers that have attained third-party certification in accordance with QS-9000, a supplier quality requirement developed by the SQRTF. Under the arrangement between QSU Publishing and the SQRTF, all certification bodies authorized to issue third-party certifications in accordance with QS-9000 will be required to submit data in a timely fashion directly to QSU Publishing. Certification to QS-9000 is a sourcing requirement for direct global automotive suppliers of parts and materials to DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation.

In announcing the appointment of QSU Publishing at the Automotive Industry Action Group headquarters in Southfield, the SQRTF stated: "QSU Publishing has prior experience in database management with ISO 9000 and ISO 14001 in North America. In addition, QSU is a respected publisher of journals, books, software and CD-ROMs related to quality and environmental management system standards. The Worldwide Sanctioned QS-9000 Database will be published both as a quarterly subscription product on CD-ROM and as an integrated online supplier management tool, also available by subscription. Much of the basic QS-9000 supplier data will be made available via QSU Publishing's new, free search engine, www.whosregistered.com."

Information about the Worldwide Sanctioned QS-9000 Database may be obtained by calling QSU Publishing at 703-359-8460 (United States only: 866-225-3122) or by visiting its web site at www.qsuonline.com.