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Caster Concepts, Inc. Receives 'Best Technical Paper Award' Presented at Annual Meeting of the Polyurethane Manufacturers Association

Peer Review Award from Conference Members Attending 2007 PMA Meeting and Conference

(Albion, Michigan) – April 25, 2007 - Caster Concepts, Inc. President William Dobbins, M.D., today announced that the technical paper 'Development of a Predictive Failure Model for Polyurethane Treaded Wheels based on Loads and Speeds' was voted the Best Technical Paper Presentation by Polyurethane Manufacturers Association (PMA) conference attendees at the recent April 2007 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The award was announced at the April 17, 2007 Conference closing ceremonies.

The PMA, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the trade association of the cast polyurethane elastomer industry, serving processors of polyurethane products, materials and equipment suppliers and independent agents. PMA exchanges and disseminates information on standards, materials, processes and technical matters, in addition to monitoring regulatory and legislative activity affecting the urethane industry.

The award winning technical paper was co-authored and presented by Caster Concepts Inc/Reaction Industries' Product Development Engineer, Doug Backinger, BS, Mechanical Engineering, the University of Michigan and Product Development & Testing Engineer, Elmer Lee, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The technical paper describes the development of a comprehensive mathematical model for the performance of polyurethane caster wheels. Such a model can be used to predict wheel failure, verify quality in polyurethane production and evaluate and compare various polyurethane formulations. The model was formulated through numerous empirical tests using Caster Concepts' state of the art Dynamic Wheel Endurance Tester (DWET).

A complete copy of the technical paper is available by visiting www.casterconcepts.com/engineering/whitepapers.asp

When notifying employees, distributors and end users of the award, Dr. Dobbins said, "This is a special honor for our entire team of engineering and testing professionals, since technical papers were presented by several large corporations including Chemtura, Bayer Corporation, Smithers Scientific Services, Polyurethane Specialties Company and others. Congratulations to Doug, Elmer, Denise Kenney, Chris Colyn, Ben Miles and Steve Duncan for the contributions that were made to achieve this level of recognition.

The entire CCI organization is very proud of their achievement."

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Caster Concepts, Inc. is an ISO 9001-2000 certified designer and manufacturer of a comprehensive line of industrial casters, ranging from a medium-duty series to a heavy-duty series to meet any application. CCI also manufactures caster wheels to withstand impact, corrosion, temperature extremes and chemicals found in harsh industrial environments. These multi-functional casters and wheels serve a variety of applications in the industrial, automotive, food service, aerospace, material handling and other demanding markets. Learn more about the entire family of Caster Concepts companies – Reaction Industries, LLC, The Machine Center, Fabricating Concepts, LLC, and Triple E Manufacturing, by visiting the most comprehensive web site in the caster industry at: www.casterconcepts.com.

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