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Parker Hannifin Adopts New Shareholder Protection Rights Plan

CLEVELAND, Jan. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Parker Hannifin Corporation (NYSE: PH), the world leader in motion and control technologies, announced today that its Board of Directors has adopted a new Shareholder Protection Rights Plan to replace the existing plan, which will expire on February 17, 2007.

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The Board's action represents a continuation of Parker's commitment to protect the long-term value of its shareholders' investment. A letter regarding the adoption of the new plan and a summary of its terms will be mailed to shareholders.

With annual sales exceeding \$9 billion, Parker Hannifin is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems, providing precision-engineered solutions for a wide variety of commercial, mobile, industrial and aerospace markets. The company employs more than 57,000 people in 43 countries around the world. Parker has increased its annual dividends paid to shareholders for 50 consecutive years, among the top five longest-running dividend-increase records in the S&P 500 index. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.parker.com>, or its investor information site at <http://www.phstock.com>.

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economic factors, including manufacturing activity, air travel trends, currency exchange rates, difficulties entering new markets and general economic conditions such as interest rates. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date of this Report.

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