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**Zep Inc. Wins Industry Award for Outstanding Products,  
Quality & Service**

***Company Chosen Over 20 Competitors for Prestigious Golden Hammer***

ATLANTA (May 8, 2009) – Zep Inc. (NYSE:ZEP) has received the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Golden Hammer Award in the Cleaning Supplies category. The prestigious award, sponsored by *Home Channel News*, was presented at the National Hardware Show in Las Vegas on May 5.

“The Golden Hammer Awards gives the home improvement industry’s retailers the opportunity to recognize vendors who exemplify best-of-field excellence,” says Jeff Arlen, publisher, *Home Channel News*. “Zep outshone more than 20 competitors in their category to take first place honors.”

“It is an honor to receive this award on behalf of everyone at Zep Inc.,” says Lisa Malloy, president, Zep Retail. “Professional users and consumers alike have trusted Zep products for more than 70 years to handle their toughest cleaning and maintenance challenges. It is therefore satisfying to be recognized for the strategic relationships Zep forms with its retailer partners that carry our Zep Commercial professional-grade products.”

The Golden Hammer Award recognizes elite suppliers that exemplify the gold standard by demonstrating their commitment to support of retailer sales, marketing and partnership efforts. The peer-recognized award is based on excellence in category management, inventory management, new product innovation, quality control, and service.

[About Zep Inc.](#)

Zep Inc. (NYSE: ZEP), with fiscal year 2008 net sales of more than \$574 million, is a leading producer, marketer, and service provider of a wide range of cleaning and maintenance solutions for commercial, industrial, institutional, and consumer end-markets. Zep's product portfolio includes anti-bacterial and industrial hand care products, cleaners, degreasers, deodorizers, disinfectants, floor finishes, sanitizers, and pest and weed control products. The Company markets these products and services under well recognized and established brand names, such as Zep<sup>®</sup>, Zep Commercial<sup>®</sup>, Zep Professional, Enforcer<sup>®</sup>, National Chemical<sup>®</sup> and Selig<sup>™</sup>, some of which have been in existence for more than 70 years. Zep's headquarters are in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit the company's website at [www.zepinc.com](http://www.zepinc.com).

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