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Zep Commercial Concentrated Cherry Hand Cleaner Tackles Tough Soils

ATLANTA (December 17, 2008) – Zep Inc. (NYSE: ZEP) introduces Zep Commercial Concentrated Cherry Hand Cleaner, a new product that's part of the soon-to-be launched line of Zep Commercial automotive maintenance products. The new line of products for mechanics, automotive repair shops, and do-it-yourself consumers, will be available at convenient retail locations starting in Spring 2009.

“For years, Zep has supplied a broad array of recognized and trusted automotive maintenance products to auto dealers, auto fleets, service companies and other larger-scale customers,” explains Lisa Malloy, president, Zep Retail. “Now, we’re bringing retail versions of many of those professional-grade products to smaller businesses and consumers who prefer to purchase at retail.”

Zep Commercial Concentrated Cherry Hand Cleaner is a premium, professional-strength liquid hand cleaner fortified with pumice and mild solvents. It removes stubborn soils such as grease, tar, carbon, asphalt, inks, resins, paints and adhesives, and also removes petroleum odors, leaving behind a pleasant cherry scent.

The hand cleaner’s gel formula spreads easily on hands and rinses easily, enriching hands with emollients so hands don’t feel dried out or gritty.

Because it is concentrated, Zep Commercial Concentrated Cherry Hand Cleaner provides more uses per ounce than other hand cleaners. In fact, it requires a third less product for the same hand cleaning performance as provided by other common brands.

Zep Commercial Concentrated Cherry Hand Cleaner will be available at major automotive aftermarket retailers in Spring 2009. For more information, call 1-800-805-4357 or visit www.zepcommercial.com.

About Zep Inc.

Zep Inc. (NYSE: ZEP), with fiscal year 2008 net sales of more than \$575 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[®], Zep Commercial[®], Zep[®] Professional, Enforcer[®], National Chemical[®] and Selig[™], some of which have been in existence for more than 70 years. Zep is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Visit the company's website at www.zepinc.com.

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