

**FINAL - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Pace Industries Selects Transplace as its North American Lead Logistics Provider**

*Providing Growth-Oriented Solutions and On-Demand Transportation Management System  
3PL Secures All North American Shipment Management  
for Leading U.S. Non-Ferrous Metals Engineered Components Manufacturer,*

**March 17, 2009 (Dallas, TX)** – Transplace, a leading provider of transportation management services and logistics technology solutions, today announced that Pace Industries, LLC., North America’s largest custom die casting company, has selected Transplace for managing its North American truckload, less-than-truckload (LTL) and expedited shipments. Through a unique combination of technology, optimized processes and applied human capital, along with its vast and longstanding transportation network, Transplace will provide Pace with a highly integrated set of logistics services.

In 1996, Pace Industries was bought by publicly traded Leggett & Platt Inc. It was repurchased in 2008 by Kenner & Company Inc., a New York-based private equity firm that was the former owner of Pace. Headquartered in Fayetteville, Ark., Pace has 17 manufacturing sites in the U.S. and Mexico. Die castings are among the highest volume, mass-produced items manufactured by the metalworking industry. The castings are shipped to hundreds of thousands of locations to become part of consumer, commercial and industrial products.

“Die cast parts are important components of products ranging from automobiles to toys all across the continent,” said Pace Industries Chief Operating Officer Rod Taylor. “Because of our aggressive growth plan, we needed an aligned strategic partner such as Transplace that could offer deeply experienced personnel and cutting-edge technology – yet also have proven success for a seamless transition. Similar to Transplace, we’re a Lean organization. It’s important that even with a major change in service internally, that our customers experience no reduction in service. Instead, they will receive increases in efficiency and see improved service performance levels.”

Vice President of Purchasing for Pace Marshall Haines was responsible for the coordination and review of available 3PL and technology partners. “After an exhaustive search, Transplace presented the right solution. The combination of their logistics technology, third-party capabilities and marquee customers was the perfect match for Pace Industries’ current needs and future expectations given their plans for growth.”

As many companies work to “lean- out” their supply chains while still positioning for growth, they are searching for partners that can adapt quickly to market changes while also assisting with strategy. “Transplace flexible solution design and deployment methodology are enabling us to focus on and secure leading mid-sized manufacturing concerns such as Pace Industries,” said Matthew Menner, senior vice president of sales and alliances. “Transplace once again has proven that it has flexibility and scalability for growth-oriented companies. We demonstrate our value by applying Transplace’s processes, infrastructure and transportation rate leverage from working with *Fortune* 500 companies to directly assist mid-sized companies.”

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A dedicated account team from Transplace has already been assigned to deploy the on-demand TMS solution, which provides Pace with shipment planning, execution, tracking and visibility. Transplace will begin the on-boarding process in March, closely working with the Pace team to ensure a seamless transition, and service will ramp up rapidly in the second quarter of 2009.

### **About Pace Industries**

Pace Industries is North America's largest custom non-automotive aluminum die-casting company with resources in aluminum, zinc and magnesium. The company formerly known as Leggett & Platt Aluminum Group houses 17 manufacturing locations in the United States and Mexico, including: 12 die-casting facilities, three tool and die shops, and two finishing and painting facilities with more than 3000 total employees. Visit [www.paceind.com](http://www.paceind.com) for more details.

### **About Transplace**

Transplace is a non-asset based third-party logistics (3PL) provider offering manufacturers and retailers the optimal blend of logistics technology and transportation management services. From complete logistics management outsourcing to intelligent transportation management systems (TMS) to supply chain network planning and design to high-quality brokerage services, Transplace has proven the ability to deliver both rapid return on investment and consistent value to customers. The company is recognized among the elite 3PLs in North America by a customer base that includes many of the largest shippers in the world.

In 2008, Transplace was awarded with the *Global Logistics and Supply Chain Strategies* "100 Great Supply Chain Partners" distinction for the fifth consecutive year and by *Supply & Demand Chain Executive* as a "Top 100" provider in supply chain transformation for the fourth consecutive year. In addition, Transplace was recognized by *Inbound Logistics* as a Top 10 3PL for the sixth consecutive year, and was awarded *Logistics Management's* Quest for Quality award for the 3PL category.

To learn more about Transplace, please visit [www.transplace.com](http://www.transplace.com).

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