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**VIPAR Heavy Duty Prepares
For 2004 Annual Business Conference**

Crystal Lake, IL – September 23, 2004: VIPAR Heavy Duty is making final preparations to host its 2004 Annual Business Conference to be held at The Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club, and Spa in Marco Island, Florida from Tuesday, October 19 through Saturday, October 23, 2004. The VIPAR Heavy Duty Annual Business Conference brings together VIPAR Heavy Duty Stockholders, Supplier Partners, and Industry Associates to facilitate the productive exchange of ideas and information benefiting all participants.

Conference events include: general sessions, break-out meetings, the Annual Stockholders Meeting, tradeshow, one-on-one stockholder/supplier partner meetings, as well as various other business programs. Program additions for the 2004 Business Conference include a training session for stockholder participants titled “Branch Finance for the Non-Financial Manager”, as well as the addition of a celebrity guest speaker for all attendees.

“With more than 165 stockholder and supplier partners companies registered to attend this year’s conference, we look forward to a productive exchange of ideas and information,”

remarked Stephen R. Crowley, president and CEO of VIPAR Heavy Duty. “As the industries leading truck parts network we are dedicated to making this years conference the best by continuing to meet the highest level of expectations of all participants.”

VIPAR Heavy Duty is North America’s leading network of aftermarket truck parts wholesale distributors with over 500 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. VIPAR Heavy Duty Distributors are specialists who understand the demands of their local, regional, and national customers for quality parts and exceptional service.

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