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ACTUANT CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF TAICANG CHINA FACILITY

Milwaukee, WI USA and Taicang China, August 6, 2008 – Actuant Corporation ([NYSE:ATU](#)) today announced the grand opening of its new facility in Taicang China. The 300,000 square-foot building, located on 15 acres, houses manufacturing and assembly operations for a number of the Actuant businesses as well as sales, engineering, logistics, customer service and finance functions.

“The opening of the Taicang facility is an important milestone in the global growth of Actuant,” said Mark Goldstein, Chief Operating Officer of Actuant. “The China market represents a large opportunity for most of our businesses. By adding more robust manufacturing, assembly and engineering capabilities to our existing sourcing and commercial competencies in China, we are positioned to expand considerably our presence in China.”

“Actuant consolidated operations from several existing facilities across three locations in China into this state of the art Taicang campus to accommodate our growth needs,” said Jian Xie, China Country Leader for Actuant. “This represents a tremendous investment by Actuant to serve both the China market as well as Actuant businesses across the globe.”

The grand opening celebration today included Chinese government officials from Taicang and the Jiangsu Province, several hundred Actuant China employees, the entire leadership team of Actuant Corporation as well as several members of the Actuant Board of Directors.

About Actuant

Actuant, headquartered in Butler, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in highly engineered position and motion control systems and branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies. Since its creation through a spin-off in 2000, Actuant has grown its sales from \$482 million to \$1.6 billion and its market capitalization from \$113 million to approximately \$1.6 billion. The Company employs a workforce of more than 7,500 worldwide. Actuant Corporation trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company's website at www.actuant.com.

Safe Harbor

Certain of the above comments represent forward-looking statements made pursuant to the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Management cautions that these statements are based on current estimates of future performance and are highly dependent upon a variety of factors, which could cause actual results to differ from these estimates.



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Actuant's results are also subject to general economic conditions, variation in demand from customers, the impact of geopolitical activity on the economy, continued market acceptance of the Company's new product introductions, the successful integration of acquisitions, restructuring, operating margin risk due to competitive pricing and operating efficiencies, supply chain risk, material and labor cost increases, foreign currency fluctuations and interest rate risk. See the Company's registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for further information regarding risk factors.