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**MORAN INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES JACKSON AREA RESIDENT JAY POND AS 2008
FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR**

MIDLOTHIAN, Ill. – Jay Pond, owner of Mr. Transmission of Jackson, was recently announced as the 2008 “Franchisee of the Year” for Moran Industries, one of the fastest-growing national franchise networks in the automotive aftermarket. The award was presented at the International Franchise Association’s annual convention in Washington, D.C. on September 15, 2008.

“Being recognized by my fellow franchisees for my efforts in active involvement and bettering of the company is quite an honor,” said Pond, who has nearly 25 years of experience with the Mr. Transmission brand. “Through utilizing the criteria that helped me become the recipient of the franchisee of the year award, specifically my integrity, dedication and hard work initiatives I will be able to continue to lead the Moran Industries brand into further success.”

Moran Industries’ “Franchisee of the Year” award was established to honor the franchisee who demonstrates leadership and excellence in a variety of areas. Franchise owners are eligible for nomination of Franchisee of the Year if they are current recipients of the Moran Industries Award of Excellence. Once Moran identifies the eligible nominees, a company-wide vote by fellow franchisees is then conducted. Pond was successfully eligible and nominated for the award as a result of his hands-on support of new franchisees, participation in the company’s mentor program, outstanding customer service and overall dedication.

“Pond is a role model for our entire franchise system,” Moran said. “Jay Pond has shown his dedication to our system through his efforts in exceeding customer expectations, participation as an FAC Board member and a mentor to franchisees. Mr. Pond has been the recipient of our Award of Excellence each year since its inception in 2000.”

To contact the Mr. Transmission of Jackson, please call (601) 352-3021.

About Moran Industries

Moran Industries provides specialty products and services in virtually every aspect of the automotive aftermarket through five franchise brands and a total of 194 locations: including Mr. Transmission, Multistate Transmission, Dr. Nick Transmission; Alta Mere® Toys for your Car™; Milex® Complete Auto Care™. The launch of SmartView Window Solutions expands the companies' offerings in the area of window film. For more information on Moran Industries franchise opportunities, please visit www.moranindustries.com or contact Virginia Garcia at (800) 581-8468.

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