



Curtiss-Wright Acquires TAPCO International

LYNDHURST, N.J., Dec. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW; CW.B) announced today the completion of its acquisition of the assets of TAPCO International, Inc., ("TAPCO"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Triten Corporation. Curtiss-Wright acquired the assets of TAPCO for \$10.5 million in cash and assumption of certain operating liabilities. TAPCO's operations will be part of Curtiss-Wright's Flow Control business segment.

TAPCO designs, engineers and manufactures high-performance metal seated industrial gate valves, butterfly valves, flapper valves, actuators, and internal components used in high-temperature, highly abrasive, and highly corrosive environments in the petrochemical refining industry. It also provides inspection, installation, repair and maintenance, and other field services for harsh environment flow control systems. TAPCO is located in Houston, Texas and also has a small operation in the UK to serve the European market. Sales for fiscal year ending April 30, 2002 were \$14.1 million.

ABOUT CURTISS-WRIGHT

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The Company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and additionally is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 4,100 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at <http://www.curtisswright.com>.

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This press release is available at <http://www.curtisswright.com> and <http://www.portfoliopr.com>.

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