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Hopkins Acquires TowDaddy

EMPORIA, KS. March 1, 2013 – Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation announced today that it has acquired the TowDaddy product line. This acquisition strengthens Hopkins as the leading provider of towing electrical products to the recreational vehicle and automotive aftermarket.

TowDaddy® is the originator of the towed vehicle wire harness kits that are used when towing a vehicle behind a motorhome. This patented technology provides a simplified solution to connect the lights of the towed vehicle with those of the motorhome. In addition, TowDaddy's AutoFUSE™ product instantly bypasses the fuse of the towed vehicle and charges the battery, which is required by some newer vehicles, eliminating the need for a fuse to be pulled prior to towing.

"This acquisition reinforces Hopkins' leadership in towing electrical products to support the RV market. We are excited about the opportunity to work with our customers to expand their sales and increase the technical support and customer service for the product line." said Bradley T. Kraft, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hopkins.

"The TowDaddy products are a great complement to our Hopkins Towing Solutions® and BrakeBuddy® towing and RV related products," said Mike Williams, Hopkins Chief Marketing Officer. "RV'ers will appreciate how easy it is to configure a vehicle so that it can be safely towed."

Hopkins will distribute the Tow Daddy products from its Emporia, Kansas distribution center.

About Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation

Headquartered in Emporia, Kansas, Hopkins is a leading manufacturer and marketer of quality, innovative specialized towing products and functional accessories for the automotive and recreational vehicle aftermarkets. Hopkins markets its products under a number of well-recognized brand names, including: **Hopkins Towing Solutions®** Trailer Wiring & Brake Control Products, **BrakeBuddy®** RV auxiliary braking systems, **Sub-Zero®** Snow & Ice Tools, **Carrand™** Vehicle Cleaning Products, **Flo-Tool®** Fluid Handling Products, **Go Gear®** Mobile Interior Solutions, **nVISION®** Vehicle Safety Products, **Vortex™** High Performance Mud Guards and **Juice™** Booster Cables. For 60 years, the company has been guided by the philosophy that its products will deliver meaningful innovation, performance and value to the consumer. Hopkins is a portfolio company of ONCAP.

About ONCAP

ONCAP, in partnership with operating company management teams, invests in and builds shareholder value in North American small- and mid-size companies that are leaders in their defined market niche and possess meaningful growth potential. ONCAP is currently investing from its third fund and is the mid-market private equity platform of Onex. With offices in Toronto, New York and London, Onex is one of the oldest and most successful private equity firms. Onex acquires and builds high-quality businesses in partnership with talented management teams. In total, Onex has approximately \$14 billion of assets under management, including \$4.8 billion of proprietary capital, in private equity, credit securities and real estate.