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**Press Release – July 20, 2006****New manufacturing technology embraced by Pa-Ted Spring Company**

One of the most formidable problems with manufacturing is reducing costs while maintaining the highest quality standards in the industry. In efforts to offer customers the best price along with the highest quality, all new technological advances in both computers and machinery need to be examined and evaluated.

When looking at this issue, Pa-Ted Spring Company shows no signs of being outpaced by technology. Instead they have actively sought out and researched what modern equipment can be used in order to have more computer quality controlled automation. Every day advances in computer technology have helped to revolutionize the operation and output quality of machinery and equipment.

One recent investment made by Pa-Ted was the addition of a fully computer automated NuCoil Rotating Wire Machine. This one machine alone was able to replace two slightly outdated machines in terms of the quantity of pieces produced. Moreover, since it is computer based, the quality offered far surpasses what was achievable with the older machinery. This allows Pa-Ted Spring to be more efficient in its processes, and it enables them to offer products at tighter tolerances at double the past production speed.

In addition to more modern machinery, Pa-Ted Spring Company has also updated its computer systems. For example, a resource planning program was implemented, which connects the entire organization's processes and provides real-time output to support management decision-making. Furthermore, a paperless documentation system is being realized to increase the speed in which drawings and files can be located and, as a bi-product, reduce paper waste.

"Here at Pa-Ted we've been going through very exciting changes preparing the Company for growth and the future", explained Dominic Rovero, Chief Operating Officer. Dennis Forauer, VP of IT continues, "The ERP improvements and electronic filing gives our spring manufacturing process a one-two punch. First, because we can deliver information faster from the ERP system to production, our customers get their parts quicker. Second, the electronic filing system enables all of our users to gain access to the correct documents efficiently within seconds - right from the users' workstation."

These enhancements in manufacturing efficiency are just a few examples of the continuous improvement initiative that has now become the standard operating procedure at Pa-Ted Spring. Almost all of the manufacturing equipment used at Pa-Ted Spring is computer controlled and regulated. Pa-Ted Spring believes that the future success of its customers is based on the continuous effort of keeping pace with, and fully embracing the technology available today.

Already one of the world's leading manufacturers of Torsion, Compression and Extension Springs, and Multiform/4-Slide Stampings, Pa-Ted Spring plans to continue its focus on offering high quality, cost effective products for its customers. By using new technology, both Pa-Ted Spring and their customers directly benefit with the highest quality parts at the most competitive prices in the industry.

Pa-Ted Spring is a technology-driven company that sees its core purpose as creating both standard and custom product solutions for its customers. With an in-house engineering department available to assist customers in the design of their parts, Pa-Ted Spring offers many value-added services. Pa-Ted Spring is an ISO 9001:2000 certified quality manufacturer, which operates from its headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut and ships to customers world-wide.

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