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### MOTION'S 2021 SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER: GATES

**Birmingham, Ala.** – Motion Industries, Inc., a leading distributor of maintenance, repair and operation replacement parts, and a premier provider of industrial technology solutions, named Gates Corporation “2021 Supplier of the Year.” The award recognizes companies that have shown exceptional commitment to Motion through quality products and services, as well as earning the highest score in the multi-faceted Supplier Stratification rating system. The presentation took place May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Motion’s headquarters in Birmingham.



Motion and Gates officers at the award presentation, L-R: Scott Wright (Gates); Chris Brewer, Joe Limbaugh and Kevin Storer (Motion); Grant Gawronski, Lou Rosen and Mark Guner (Gates); and Robert Anaforian (Motion).

"We value and appreciate the relationship that we have with the Gates team," stated Motion's President, Randy Breaux. "Over the past couple of years, we all have faced challenges like never before—with a pandemic, supply chain shortages, workforce issues and now inflation. Together, Motion and Gates continue to exemplify that relationships truly matter."

Kevin Storer, Motion's Executive Vice President of U.S. Branch Operations, added, "As the Motion team works to deliver value to our customers and continually earn our place as the premier industrial solutions provider, we are proud to have innovative and dedicated suppliers such as Gates."

"On behalf of all Gates employees, we are truly honored and humbled to receive the 2021 Supplier of the Year Award from Motion," said Grant Gawronski, Chief Commercial Officer of Gates Corporation. "For over 75 years, Gates and Motion have worked closely together to serve industrial customers with the highest levels of service, quality and innovation. Working through the challenges of the past few years further highlights the strength of this relationship, as well as our optimism for our future combined success."

Joe Limbaugh, Motion's Executive Vice President of Supply Chain, Operations Support, Marketing and Enterprise Excellence, said, "Suppliers who finished in our Top 50 are the 'best of the best' in our industry, and to rank first in this elite group is extremely impressive—especially with our rigorous rating system. We look forward to mutual success with Gates in 2022 and beyond."



Motion's Supplier Stratification formula is a rating system that evaluates each supplier's performance in a number of Supply Chain, Marketing and Field Support categories.

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#### **About Gates Industrial Corporation plc**

Gates is a global manufacturer of innovative, highly engineered power transmission and fluid

power solutions. Gates offers a broad portfolio of products to diverse replacement channel customers, and to original equipment ("first-fit") manufacturers as specified components. Gates participates in many sectors of the industrial and consumer markets. Their products play essential roles in a diverse range of applications across a wide variety of end markets ranging from harsh and hazardous industries such as agriculture, construction, manufacturing and energy, to everyday consumer applications such as printers, power washers, automatic doors and vacuum cleaners and virtually every form of transportation. Gates products are sold in 128 countries across their four commercial regions: the Americas; Europe, Middle East & Africa; Greater China; and East Asia & India.

### **About Motion**

With annual sales of over \$7 billion, Motion is a leading industrial distributor of more than 12 million items, including, bearings; mechanical and electrical power transmission products, industrial automation and robotics; hose, belting, and gaskets; hydraulic and pneumatic components; process pumps; industrial and safety products; seals and accessories; and material handling products and solutions. To increase customers' productivity, the Company offers many value-added services, including engineering, fabrication, repair, and Industry 4.0 solutions across these product groups. In addition, Motion Automation Intelligence (Motion Ai), Mi Conveyance Solutions and Mi Fluid Power Solutions were formed to offer a wide range of specialized, related products and innovative solutions for many applications.

Motion North America expanded its footprint in 2022 to include Kaman Distribution Group and now has over 700 branch and service center locations and 20 distribution centers. Mi Asia Pacific has 150 locations and nine distribution centers in Australasia. Motion serves more than 170,000 OEM and MRO customers in the equipment and machinery, food and beverage, pulp and paper, iron and steel, chemical, mining and aggregate, petrochemical, automotive, semiconductor, wood and lumber, medical and pharmaceutical industries.

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