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**SPARTAN LIGHT METAL PRODUCTS
RECEIVES SUPPLIER AWARD FROM TOYOTA**

Recognized for Excellent Quality

St. Louis, Missouri (March 21, 2017) – Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings was recognized with an Excellent Quality Performance Award from Toyota Motor North America, Inc. (TMNA) at its Annual Supplier Business Meeting (ABM) on March 21. Held at the COBO Center in Detroit, ABM brings together approximately 850 supplier representatives from across North America.

Spartan Light Metal Products' Hannibal, Missouri plant has been recognized for quality and delivery by Toyota for seven consecutive years. Only a small handful of Toyota suppliers have consecutive years' recognition, and even fewer can claim seven consecutive years. Therefore, Spartan is very pleased to be recognized again with the Excellent Quality Performance Award from Toyota this year.

Spartan Hannibal, MO Plant is also pleased to be recognized for excellent safety results from the die casting trade group NADCA, for eight consecutive years of safety awards from 2009 through 2016.

Currently celebrating 21 years, ABM allows TMNA to discuss business objectives with direct and indirect suppliers in preparation for its upcoming fiscal year. Each year, TMNA recognizes suppliers who exceeded the company's expectations in several categories.

"Toyota collaborates with each of our supplier partners in order to build vehicles with the high safety, quality and reliability standards to meet and exceed our customer's expectation," said Robert Young, Group Vice President, TMNA R&D Purchasing and Supplier Engineering Development. "We are pleased to recognize those in our supply base who exceed our high performance targets. We thank them and their team members for their tremendous support, partnership and commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration to build 'ever better cars' in North America."

Toyota (NYSE:TM), creator of the Prius and the Mirai fuel cell vehicle, is committed to advancing mobility through our Toyota and Lexus brands. Over the past 60 years, we've produced more than 30 million cars and trucks in North America, where we operate 14 manufacturing plants (10 in the U.S.) and directly employ more than 44,000 people (more than 34,000 in the U.S.). Our 1,800 North American dealerships (nearly 1,500 in the U.S.) sold almost 2.6 million cars and trucks (2.45 million in the U.S.) in 2016 – and about 85 percent of all Toyota vehicles sold over the past 15 years are still on the road today.

For more information about Toyota, visit www.toyotanewsroom.com.

About Spartan Light Metal Products:

For 56 Years Spartan, a family-owned business, has been an industry leader specializing in designing, developing, validating and producing aluminum and magnesium die castings as well as machining and component assemblies. Spartan has three manufacturing facilities, and offices in St. Louis, Missouri, Detroit, Michigan, Tokyo, Japan and Landstuhl, Germany.

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