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Ranked #1 in the Industrial and Farm Equipment Industry on FORTUNE'S 2007 List of "America's Most Admired Companies"

Glenview, IL . March 15 Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (NYSE:ITW) announced today that it is the most admired company in the Industrial and Farm Equipment Industry on FORTUNE'S 2007 list of "America's Most Admired Companies." The company also ranked in the top 10 of Most Admired Companies for "Quality of Management," "Use of Corporate Assets," AND Long-Term Investment." These lists and related stories appear in the March 19 issue of FORTUNE, on newsstands March 12 and are currently available online at www.fortune.com.

The Most Admired list in the definitive report card on corporate reputations. FORTUNE'S survey partners at Hay Group started with the FORTUNE 1,000 – the 1,000 largest U.S. companies ranked by revenue and the top foreign ones operating in the United States. Hay sorted them by industry and selected the ten largest in each. To create the 63 industry lists, Hay asked executives, directors, and analysts to rate companies in their own industry on eight criteria, from investment value to social responsibility. Only the best are listed: A company's score must rank in the top half of its industry survey.

ITW is a \$14.1 billion in revenues diversified manufacturer of highly engineered components and industrial systems and consumables. The company consists of approximately 750 business units in 49 countries and employs some 55,000 people.