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Helen of Troy Limited Announces OXO Houseware Division and Its Design Partners Will Receive Red Dot Design Award for Cimzia Packaging

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EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Helen of Troy Limited (Nasdaq: HELE) designer, developer and worldwide marketer of brand-name personal care and household consumer products, today announced that the Company's OXO Housewares Division, along with its design partners, Smart Design and the Brussels-based biopharmaceutical company UCB, have been awarded the Red Dot Communication Design award for packaging used for the rheumatoid arthritis drug Cimzia.

Gerald J. Rubin, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President said, "We are proud of the efforts of everyone involved in receiving this most prestigious award. OXO, a company dedicated to universal design, worked with UCB on the development of the Cimzia syringe and packaging components. OXO's long-time design partner, Smart Design, which has offices in New York, San Francisco and Barcelona, led the team in developing all the elements of the packaging.

"The annual Red Dot Design Awards recognize the best in product design, communication and design concepts. This year the Communication Design competition received more than 6,000 entries from 42 countries. Winners are

evaluated according to degree of innovation, functionality and quality. OXO, UCB and Smart Design will receive the award at a gala awards dinner in Essen, Germany on December 9, 2009."

Helen of Troy Limited is a leading designer, producer and global marketer of brand-name personal care and household consumer products. The Company's personal care products include hair dryers, curling irons, hair setters, shavers, brushes, combs, hair accessories, home hair clippers, mirrors, foot baths, body massagers, paraffin baths, liquid hair styling products, body powder and skin care products. The Company's household products include kitchen tools, cutlery, bar and wine accessories, household cleaning tools, tea kettles, trash cans, storage and organization products, gardening tools, kitchen mitts and trivets, barbeque tools, and rechargeable lighting products. The Company's products are sold to consumers by mass merchandisers, drug store chains, warehouse clubs and grocery stores under licensed trademarks including Vidal Sassoon(R), licensed from The Procter & Gamble Company, Revlon(R), licensed from Revlon Consumer Products Corporation, Dr. Scholl's(R), licensed from Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, Inc., Sunbeam(R), and Health o meter(R) licensed from Sunbeam Products, Inc., Sea Breeze(R), licensed from Shiseido Company Ltd., Vitapointe(R), licensed from Sara Lee Household and Body Care UK Limited, Toni & Guy(R) outside of the Americas, licensed from Mascolo Limited, Bed Head(R) and TIGI(R) in the Americas licensed from MBL/TIGI Products, LP, and Toni&Guy(R) in the Americas licensed from MBL/TONI&GUY Products, LP. Helen of Troy's owned brands include OXO(R), Good Grips(R), Candela(R), Brut(R), Infusium 23(R), Vitalis(R), Final Net(R), Ammens(R), Condition(R) 3-in-1, SkinMilk(R), Dazey(R), Caruso(R), Karina(R), DCNL(R), Nandi(R), Isobel(R) and Ogilvie(R). The Company markets hair and beauty care products under the Helen of Troy(R), Hot Tools(R), Hot Spa(R), Salon Edition(R), Gallery Series(R), Wigo(R), Fusion Tools(R),( ) Belson(R), Belson Pro(R), Gold 'N Hot(R), Curlmaster(R), Profiles(R), Comare(R), Mega Hot(R), and Shear Technology(R) owned brands to the professional beauty salon industry.

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undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Company intends its forward-looking statements to speak only as of the time of such statements, and does not undertake to update or revise them as more information becomes available. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release should be read in conjunction with, and are subject to and qualified by, the risks described in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2009 and in our other filings with the SEC. Investors are urged to refer to the risk factors referred to above for a description of these risks.

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