Ingersoll-Rand Acquires Remaining Interest in Shanghai Ingersoll-Rand Compressor (SIRC), China-based Manufacturer of Industrial Products

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 29, 2005--Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited (NYSE:IR), a leading diversified industrial firm, today announced that it has completed the acquisition of the remaining 20-percent interest in China-based Shanghai Ingersoll-Rand Compressor Co. Ltd. (SIRC). Terms were not disclosed. SIRC was originally established as a 50/50 jointly held venture with Shanghai Compressor Company Limited, a subsidiary of Shanghai Electric Company (SEC), in 1987. Ingersoll-Rand acquired an additional 30-percent interest in SIRC in 1999.

SIRC manufactures a wide range of products and components for Ingersoll-Rand's Air Solutions, Portable Power and Thermo King businesses. Major product lines include stationary and portable air compressors, air dryers and light towers, which are sold under the Ingersoll-Rand brand name both locally in China and in other global markets. SIRC 2004 revenues were $89 million. The acquisition is expected to be accretive to earnings in 2005.

"Our acquisition of SIRC is another major step in our strategy to operate company owned manufacturing facilities that produce high quality, cost competitive products in emerging markets for local and international customers," said Herbert L. Henkel, chairman, president and chief executive officer for Ingersoll-Rand. "In addition to manufacturing capability, the acquisition of SIRC also gives us a network of company owned solution centers located in most major cities in China. The addition of these centers, which will sell, install and service a range of Ingersoll-Rand products, to our existing distribution network in China will enhance our ability to deliver new solutions, services and products to all Ingersoll-Rand customers in the country."

As a wholly owned subsidiary, SIRC will be renamed Ingersoll-Rand (Shanghai) Company Limited.

Ingersoll-Rand is a global provider of products, services, and integrated solutions to industries as diverse as transportation, manufacturing, construction, and agriculture. The company brings to bear a 100-year-old heritage of technological innovation to help companies be more productive, efficient, and innovative. Examples include cryogenic refrigeration that preserves agricultural produce worldwide; biometric security systems for airports, corporations, and government facilities; the efficient harnessing of air to drive tools and factories; and versatile, compact vehicles for construction and efficient movement of people and goods. In every line of business, Ingersoll-Rand enables companies and their customers to turn work into progress.

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