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**UNI-SELECT INC. REPORTS AN INCREASE IN SALES OF 29% AND AN INCREASE IN NET EARNINGS OF 32% FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2009**

**Boucherville**, May 5, 2009 – Uni-Select Inc. reports sales of \$362,740,000 for the first quarter of 2009, an increase of 28.8% compared to sales of \$281,698,000 \$ in 2008. The increase in sales for the Company is primarily due to various acquisitions completed in recent quarters and to the increase in the U.S. currency. Net earnings increased to \$8,013,000 in the first quarter of 2009 or \$0.41 per share compared to \$6,061,000 or \$0.31 per share last year, an increase of 32.2%.

(in millions of \$ except earnings per share)	1st QUARTER	
	2009	2008
Sales	362.7	281.7
EBITDA	19.3	14.5
Net earnings	8.0	6.1
Earnings per share	0.41	0.31

Sales for Automotive Group USA reached \$232,936,000 in the first quarter compared to \$149,919,000 in the first quarter of 2008. The acquisitions completed in recent quarters contributed \$56,080,000, to which should be added the favorable impact of the exchange rate variation. The operating margin for the Group declined from 6.1% in the first quarter of 2008 to 5.5%. However, on a comparative basis, excluding the latest acquisitions whose integration is just underway, the margin is 6.3% an improvement of 0.2% over 2008 as a result of continued improvement programs on margins and cost reduction.

Automotive Group Canada reported sales of \$117,908,000, comparable to levels reached in the same quarter of 2008. The operating margin of the Group improved from 5.4% in the first quarter of 2008 to 6.7% this quarter. Automotive Group Canada benefited from the integration of synergies resulting from the acquisition of RPD L in 2008 and the continued improvement of operating margins throughout the network.

Sales for the Heavy Duty Group decreased by 8.6% in the first quarter of 2009 to reach \$11,896,000 compared to \$13,014,000 in 2008. The operating margin for the Heavy Duty Group was (11.6%) in the first quarter of 2009 compared to (8.6%) last year. This decrease in the margin stems essentially from the decrease in sales.

“We are pleased with the impact of the acquisitions and cost reduction programs implemented in recent years. While they have only just begun to contribute, we are already beginning to see the potential in both Canada and the U.S., from recent acquisitions. As is our practice, we will have to ensure that all synergies are achieved before their full value is realized.” said Mr. Richard G. Roy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Uni-Select Inc. “During the next quarters, the results of our Canadian and U.S. operations should continue to benefit from the contribution of various acquisitions completed in recent quarters. We will continue to seek out growth opportunities in Canada and the U.S., all the while keeping a firm control on assets. This may result in the sale or closure of stores in Canadian and U.S. areas with low growth potential. Furthermore, the reduction in asset base will also entail the orderly reduction of inventory.” added Mr. Roy.

In closing, the Board of Directors of Uni-Select Inc. declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.1165 per common share payable on July 21, 2009 to shareholders of record as at June 30, 2009. This dividend is an eligible dividend for tax purposes.

Uni-Select is a Canadian leader in the distribution of automotive replacement parts, equipment, tools and accessories and, through Uni-Select USA, Inc., the Company also provides services to customers in the United States where it is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest distributor. Its subsidiary, Palmar Inc., sells replacement parts, tools and accessories for heavy-duty vehicles and wheels in Canada. The Uni-Select Network<sup>TM</sup> includes over 2,500 independent jobbers and services 3,500 points of sale in North America. Uni-Select is headquartered in Montreal. Uni-Select shares (UNS) are traded on the TMX.

Certain statements made in this press release contain forward-looking statements which, by their very nature, include risks and uncertainties, such that actual results could differ from those indicated in those forward-looking statements. For additional information with respect to the risks and uncertainties, refer to the Annual Report filed by Uni-Select and available on SEDAR. Unless required to do so pursuant to applicable securities legislation, Uni-Select assumes no obligation as to the updating or revision of the forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or other changes.