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UNI-SELECT INC. REPORTS A 4.7% INCREASE IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2006

Boucherville, May 17, 2006 - Uni-Select Inc. recorded an increase in net earnings of 4.7% for the first quarter of 2006 to reach \$5,646,000 or \$0.29 per share compared to \$5,394,000 or \$0.28 per share last year. Sales were reported at \$262,514,000 in the first quarter of 2006, a 1.1% decrease compared to sales in 2005. The decrease in sales of the Company is primarily due to the fluctuation in exchange rates between Canadian and American currencies.

Automotive Group USA's sales increased by 0.6% in the first quarter to reach \$136,025,000 compared to \$135,241,000 in the first quarter of 2005. The increase would have been 6.4% had the exchange rate between Canadian and American currencies remained stable. The operating margin of Automotive Group USA from 4.6% to 5.2% during the quarter largely due to the implementation of synergies resulting from action plans put into practice during the course of 2005 and at the beginning of 2006.

Automotive Group Canada's income decreased by 3.6% in the first quarter of 2006 to reach \$111,004,000 compared to \$115,134,000 \$ in the first quarter of 2005. Weather conditions resulting from mild winter temperatures, a weakness in the sale of paint products stemming from anticipated purchases in the month of December 2005 and the changeover of products at Midas franchisees' locations are the dominating factors contributing to the decrease in sales. The operating margin of the Group improved from 5.1% in the first quarter of last year to 5.4% in this quarter, mainly due to the price increase of numerous products.

Heavy Duty Group's sales increased by 2.1% in the first quarter of 2006 to reach \$15,485,000 compared to \$15,169,000 in 2005. The operating margin of the Heavy Duty Group was negative at (4.3%) in the first quarter of 2006 compared to (2.4%) last year due to a higher sales volume of products at a lower margin and increased energy costs.

Mr. Jacques Landreville, President and Chief Executive Officer of Uni-Select said "We are happy to note that the results from our US operations continue to meet our expectations. The impact of the Canadian/US exchange rate masks the actual increase in activity. Our Canadian operations have, in themselves, suffered temporary conditions and we are confident we will see them resume growth in the near future. Lastly, we have noted some uncertainty affecting the North American demand for automotive replacement parts due to the increase in fuel prices. Our past experience leads us to consider that this is a temporary phenomenon and that consumers will adapt to this situation."

Finally, the Board of Directors of Uni-Select Inc. declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per common share payable on July 21, 2006 to the shareholders of record on June 30, 2006

Uni-Select is Canada's second largest distributor of automotive replacement parts, equipment, tools and accessories and through Uni-Select USA, Inc., the company also provides service to customers in the United States where it is the 8th largest distributor. Its subsidiary, Palmar Inc., sells replacement parts, tools and accessories for heavy-duty vehicles and wheels in Canada. The Uni-Select Network includes over 2,100 independent jobbers and services over 3,100 points of sale in Canada and the United States. Uni-Select is headquartered in Montreal. Uni-Select shares (UNS) are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX).