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FORTBRAND SERVICES, INC., PATRIA VAMMAS, OY, HAGIE MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MULTI-FUNCTION AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

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Fortbrand Services, Inc., the exclusive North American distributor for Patria Vammas, Oy, a Finish manufacturer of specialized airport snow removal equipment, announces the sale of a new multi-function airfield maintenance unit- the Hagie GST20- to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

The Hagie GST20 boasts a 2,000 gallon storage tank that is used to apply deicing solution to airport runways and flight decks. The GST20 is powered by a Cummins 275 hp diesel engine, coupled to twin hydrostatic drives capable of application speeds up to 30mph. The GST20 can carry multiple attachments, one of which is the Vammas PS 4200 runway edge light cleaner, a unique 14' V-Plow that clears snow and ice from edge lights and signage throughout the airfield. The unique design of the Vammas PS 4200 plow was developed in collaboration with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). This new concept for specialized snow removal around critical airfield edge lights and signage will result in substantial labor savings for airports and enhanced safety for aircraft.

The Hagie GST20 is part of a new generation of airfield maintenance vehicles that are capable of performing multiple tasks by simply changing attachments. The GST20's initial offering will consist of the Vammas PS 4200 edge light plow and three different boom systems, all of which can be interchanged in minutes, without tools. Additional attachments are planned for release in the Spring of 2006.

Located in Clarion, Iowa, Hagie Manufacturing Company is the leading innovator of application equipment for the agricultural industry. Hagie was founded in 1948 by Ray Hagie, who invented the world's first self-propelled sprayer. The company specializes in manufacturing "above the crop" equipment, including sprayers, detassellers and high-clearance nitrogen injection systems.

Fortbrand Services is a niche business specializing in the sale, lease and renting of aircraft ground support equipment throughout the aviation industry. The Company also acts as a distributor of unique aviation and airfield maintenance equipment, including high-speed Vammas snow removal vehicles, and engages in related activities.

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