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**IRWIN TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTS
EXPANDS EQUIPMENT OFFERING
WITH ACQUISITION OF VECOM USA, LLC**

Irwin, PA, January 26, 2015 – Irwin Transportation Products, an Affiliate of Irwin Car and Equipment, has acquired VECOM USA, LLC, a Tampa-based company. This acquisition broadens Irwin’s product offering of rail switching, signaling and control equipment for the transit and trolley markets.

William Baker, President and CEO of Irwin Car and Equipment, commented, “This acquisition enhances our transportation product line offering. VECOM’s product broadens our current product portfolio, providing the customer one source for all their signaling requirements.”

VECOM USA’s products include Train to Wayside (TWC) communication systems, train digital warning systems (TDSG) and an Ethernet-based passenger information system. TWC systems include VETAG (one-way) and VECOM (two-way) Train to Wayside, VETAG/VECOM Priority and Switch Control, VETAG/VECOM Depot Management. The train digital warning system alerts traffic and passengers when arriving and departing a stop and when crossing intersections. The Ethernet-based passenger information system includes LED signs, PA/Next Stop Announcements, and emergency intercom. All VECOM USA products are Buy America compliant.

VECOM will continue to operate at its Tampa location as VECOM USA, a division of Irwin Transportation Products. Irwin Transportation Products is an affiliate of Irwin Car and Equipment that specializes in rail switching systems, signals, and controls and equipment for transit, trolley, mining, and tunneling applications.

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Irwin Transportation Products' T-3 Switch Machine is ideal for single and double tongue applications, can be mounted between or outside of rails depending on application, and can be actuated with DC traction or rectified AC utility voltage. The company's signals and controls aid in the smooth flow of traffic in shared automobile and trolley applications.

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About Irwin Car and Equipment

Irwin Car and Equipment engineers and manufactures custom locomotives and heavy-duty material handling equipment for underground mining and tunneling operations. The company also supplies the mining industry with a wide selection of bulk and portable rock dusters, conveyor systems, specialty mining cars, mini scoops, belt winders, electric constant tension winches, mine ventilation systems, drills, man-trips, locomotives, diesel, hydraulic, water filtration systems, replacement filter elements, mine switches, signaling devices and replacement parts. Irwin's product line for heavy industrial manufacturing includes transfer cars, furnace cars, ladle and scrap cars, scale cars, turntables, wheels, wheel assemblies, crane wheels, rubber-tired steerable trailers, transporters and AGVs. Irwin Car and Equipment is headquartered in Irwin, PA, just 25 miles from Pittsburgh.

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