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PANNIER CORPORATION ACHIEVES FORD Q1 STATUS

PITTSBURGH, May 4, 2005—Pannier Corporation's Glenshaw manufacturing facilities have earned the prestigious Ford Q1 Award for providing top quality products and on-time delivery to Ford plants. Ford's Q1 award is given for outstanding performance in product quality and service and is a prerequisite for a supplier to win business from Ford.

"It was a long ordeal requiring many hours to implement the process changes necessary to meet all of Ford's requirements," said John Visconti, president of manufacturing operations. "Attaining Q1 status is something to be proud of, and it tells all other Ford vendors that we have attained the highest quality standard and are a preferred vendor of Ford. It also tells our customers that when they buy from Pannier they are getting the highest quality marking products available."

Pannier Corporation is one of the world's leading suppliers of metal tags and marking equipment and supplies for the automotive, metals, and building products industries. The company has nearly 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space near Pittsburgh, PA, and supplies marking systems to manufacturers all over the globe.

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