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AIRAM PRESSES DELIVER PRODUCTION COST SAVINGS FOR MANUFACTURERS MAKING HIGHWAY PRODUCTS

Covington, Ohio—(January 20, 2010) AIRAM® Press Co. Ltd., a leading pneumatic press manufacturer, provides a low maintenance, high performance press solution for processing highway products. At half the capital equipment cost of mechanical and hydraulic presses, AIRAM's air-driven machines (3 to 210 tons) can be used to cut off guardrails and traffic signs and manufacture rebar and wire mesh. The pneumatic press is also suited to processing used tires or different types of materials used as aggregates. Unlike conventional presses, AIRAM has equipped its air presses with technology features that make the machines suited to the highway market.

An indefinite stroke from .05 to 3 inches gives stampers the flexibility to run a variety of parts using the same press. Stampers need only change the RAM stops to accommodate different part and tooling sizes. Full tonnage on the pneumatic machine is available through the entire stroke. The stroke can be controlled so it cycles down to strike material as quickly or as slowly as the application requires. In addition, the press delivers a much faster response time with tonnage that is more equalized so that off-center loads can be effectively run. The result is clean, accurate parts. The air press can be programmed with a PLC press control, equipped with an automated feed system or grouped to create a transfer line to streamline manufacturing processes.

While the air press doesn't sacrifice tonnage requirements, its small footprint means stampers can expect to use 40 percent less floor space than conventional press models. AIRAM has also developed a unique dampening material that absorbs energy during a part run. Placing dampening material between the press bed and mount eliminates steel-on-steel contact. Because energy is no longer absorbed through steel, vibration is reduced by 80 percent.

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AIRAM's dampening material helps manufacturers create an operator friendly work environment since less vibration means less impact on workers' joints. Parts production is improved while tool and press wear is reduced. Using minimal air and power consumption, AIRAM presses are simple and require little maintenance. Technical assistance and spare parts are readily available, a customer service feature that helps reduce overall down time.

AIRAM's leadership and technical staff offer extensive experience, technical knowledge and in-depth application engineering expertise to help customers select the right production system. In addition to the press, AIRAM stamping solutions include the die, feeding equipment, part handling automation and other ancillary equipment. Stock presses, including special press sizes, the capability to economically custom engineer press models, a comprehensive spare parts inventory, rebuild and preventative maintenance programs provide key customer support services. Committed to equipping customers with the tools they need to be competitive, AIRAM offers flexible production systems in tandem or stand alone configurations with the capability to manufacture quality parts at low cost. With more than 40 years of innovation, AIRAM has produced and exported more than 5,000 presses worldwide.

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