



## Altra Holdings, Inc. Names New Chief Financial Officer

QUINCY, Mass., Dec 13, 2007 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Altra Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:AIMC), a multi-national designer, manufacturer, and marketer of industrial power transmission and motion control products, today announced that Christian Storch has been named Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Storch brings more than 20 years of relevant experience to Altra Holdings.

Storch joins Altra Holdings from Standex International Corporation where he served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since September 2001. Storch also served on the Board of Directors of Standex International from October 2004 until his recent resignation. Storch served as Standex International's Treasurer from 2003 through April 2006 and Manager of Corporate Audit and Assurance Services from July 1999 to 2003. Prior to his service to Standex International, Storch was a Divisional Financial Director and Corporate Controller at Vossloh AG, a publicly held German transport technology company. Storch has also previously served as an Audit Manager with Deloitte & Touche in Dusseldorf, Boston and Berlin.

Storch received his graduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Passau, Germany and is a Certified Tax Advisor in Germany and a Certified Public Accountant in the United States.

"Christian brings broad international and public company management experience to Altra Holdings," said Michael L. Hurt, Altra Holding's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "He has the financial, technical and managerial skills to help drive our company's global growth. I am delighted to welcome Christian to our talented executive team."

Storch, who will report to Mr. Hurt, will assume his CFO duties at Altra Holdings starting tomorrow, December 14, 2007, and will be responsible for all financial operations. Storch replaces David A. Wall, who resigned as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Altra Holdings and its subsidiaries on December 12, 2007 to pursue other career opportunities.

"We thank David for his many contributions to Altra Holdings over the past few years," said Michael L. Hurt. "David played an important role in our company during a time of rapid growth, and we wish him every success in his future endeavors."

### About Altra

Altra Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:AIMC), through its wholly-owned subsidiary Altra Industrial Motion, Inc., is a leading multi-national designer, producer and marketer of a wide range of electromechanical power transmission products. The company brings together strong brands covering over 40 product lines with production facilities in nine countries. Our leading brands include Boston Gear, Warner Electric, TB Wood's, Formsprag Clutch, Wichita Clutch, Ameridrives Couplings, Kilian Manufacturing, Marland Clutch, Nuttall Gear, Stieber Clutch, Twiflex Limited, Bibby Transmissions, Matrix International, Inertia Dynamics, Huco-Dynatork, Warner Linear, and All Power Transmissions. AIMC-E

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