



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 24, 2007

**CONTACT**

Ryan McLaughlin  
312.943.0333 - office  
ryan@zapwater.com

**INC. MAGAZINE NAMES QUALITY FLOAT WORKS, INC. ONE OF TOP 5000  
PRIVATELY HELD BUSINESSES IN AMERICA**  
*Manufacturing Company Makes First-Ever List*

**NEW YORK** – Inc. Magazine announced that Quality Float Works, Inc., located in Schaumburg, Illinois, is included on its first-ever Inc. 5,000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the country. The Inc. 5,000, an extension of *Inc.* magazine’s annual Inc. 500 list, highlights the fastest growing privately held businesses in America. Taken as a whole, the companies on the list represent the backbone of the U.S. economy. Quality Float Works, Inc. ranking is 3,517.

“The Inc. 5,000 provides the most comprehensive look ever at the most important part of the economy – the entrepreneurial part,” said Inc. 5,000 Project Manager Jim Melloan. “The expansion of the list has allowed us to tell the stories of larger companies, older companies, and a wealth of companies in industries like Manufacturing and Construction that are underreported in the business media.”

“We are extremely grateful to be honored among some of the nation’s most successful companies who are dedicated to fostering the entrepreneurial spirit,” said Sandra Westlund-Deenihan, President, Quality Float Works, Inc.

“This award recognizes our continued efforts to provide innovative solutions for our customers here in America and across the globe,” said Jason Speer, Vice President, Quality Float Works, Inc.

**Methodology**

The 2007 Inc. 5000 list measures revenue growth from 2003 through 2006. To qualify, companies had to be U.S.-based and privately held, independent – not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies – as of December 31, 2006, and have had at least \$200,000 in revenue in 2003, and \$2 million in 2006. Complete information on this year’s Inc. 5,000, can be found at [www.inc.com/inc5000](http://www.inc.com/inc5000). The list features a profile for each company, almost all of them written as a result of *Inc.* interviews with management. In addition, the list is searchable according to numerous criteria, including industry, city, state, region, and year founded. Leading the list of the fastest-growing companies in the nation is the Midwest region with 1,046 of the fastest-growing companies.

**About Inc.com**

Inc.com, the Daily Resource for Entrepreneurs, delivers advice, tools, breaking news, and rich multi-media to help business owners and CEOs start, run, and grow their businesses more successfully. Information and advice covering virtually every business and management task, including marketing, sales, finding capital, managing people can be found at <http://www.inc.com>.

**About Quality Float Works, Inc.**

Quality Float Works, Inc. is the premier manufacturer of hollow float metal balls in the nation. Our floats are used in a wide variety of industries, including the drainage efforts following Hurricane Katrina to water purification systems in underdeveloped countries. Customers throughout the United States, Canada, Asia and Europe rely specifically on Quality Float Works, Inc. floats to operate their equipment. These innovations, design capabilities and quality products have allowed the company to gain a market advantage even in times when the manufacturing industry has faced troubled waters. In 2006, Quality Float Works, Inc. achieved record revenue growth in its 92-year history.

The *Inc. 5000* award follows a series of notable recognitions for Quality Float Works, Inc. The company is a past recipient the “Excellent Supplier Award” from IIT Industries for outstanding services. In 2007, FMC, one of the nation’s most diversified companies, presented the Quality Float Works with a 100 percent customer service award. Also this year, the nation’s most prestigious business association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, awarded Quality Float Works, Inc. a “Small Business Blue Ribbon Award.”

###