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Evans Tool & Die, Inc. Announces Change of Ownership and New Status As a Certified Women-led Majority Owned Business

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Southeastern based Evans Tool & Die, Inc. (“the Company”) announced today that the ownership of the Company has changed and that the Company is now an official certified woman-owned business. Since 2011, the Company has been led by Chief Executive Officer Ms. Deanne D. Barnes, who is the granddaughter of the Company’s founder.

“Evans Tool & Die has now joined the ranks of the growing number of women-owned business that are helping drive the economic growth of our country,” said Ms. Barnes. “As we enter our fourth generation as a family business, we are excited about the future and look forward to providing world-class, precision tool and die and metal stamping solutions to North American manufacturers.”

As a single source provider, Evans Tool & Die, Inc. reduces supply chain risk by building dies, stamping, finishing, assembling, packing and shipping all under one roof. As a result, customers benefit from reduced lead times, time to market and cost savings.

“Evans Tool & Die represents the very best in a multi-generational family-owned business,” said Greg Smith, Partner in Atlanta-based law firm Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. “I want to congratulate the Evans family and company management for their ability to successfully navigate ownership transition and to maintain the high standards of the business for more than 70 years.”

“Evans Tool & Die is a family-owned business guided by a set of timeless core values,” said John C. Horton, business advisor with Collier Brown & Co. “It is great to see this long-standing business successfully accomplish such an ownership milestone while at the same time maintaining its standards of service and ability to anticipate and meet the needs of its growing customer base.”

According to the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), there are currently more than 11.6 million U.S. firms that are considered women owned businesses. NAWBO estimates that women-owned businesses generate more than \$1.7 trillion in sales and employ nearly 9 million people.

About Evans Tool & Die, Inc.

Evans Tool & Die, Inc. was founded in 1948 in Decatur, Georgia and is a leading provider of metal products and related services to the government/defense, fire safety, commercial lighting, automotive, healthcare, furniture, technology, construction and other industries. The company specializes in design, tool & die, metal stamping and production, and welding and finishing. Evans Tool & Die, Inc. is a member of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). For more information visit: <http://www.evanstd.com>.



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