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Thomson-Gordon/Thordon Bearings Celebrates 100 Years of innovation

Burlington, Canada – Sept .8, 2011 - Thordon Bearings' parent company, Thomson-Gordon (TG) Group is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2011. The firm will commemorate this significant milestone in history with many of its past and current employees, suppliers, local and international clients, as well as the Mayor of Burlington on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at the factory location in Burlington, Ontario, starting at 12:00 noon.

TG was founded in 1911 by Army Major George J. Thomson, and his brother William, who opened an industrial distribution business in Hamilton, Ontario. Later the brothers took on a partner named Earl Gordon and changed the name of the firm when it incorporated in 1916 to Thomson-Gordon Ltd. By 1936, the company was involved in manufacturing a variety of applications for industrial engineers, and it flourished. George J.V. Thomson, son of the founder, was an architect graduate from Pratt Institute of New York and after working several years in New York answered the summons of his father to return to Canada to help run the family business.

In 1967 his son, George A. (Sandy) Thomson succeeded George J.V. Thomson. Sandy, who graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from Northrop University, Inglewood, California, is presently CEO and sole owner of Thomson-Gordon.

The non-metallic Thordon bearing business began in a small corner of the plant in the 1960's on Queen St. in Hamilton; a simple experiment in reacting synthetic elastomer chemicals by the firm's third generation leader, Sandy Thomson and production

foreman, Arnold Lange. Since that time Thordon has continued to develop, test and introduce new polymers in a search for new innovative products that solve our customer's most demanding bearing applications and problems. His stepdaughter, Anna Galoni, is a Polish-born epidemiologist by training and is now the firm's Vice Chairman. She will eventually succeed her stepfather.

Thordon Bearings Inc. designs and manufactures a complete range of non-polluting bearing and shaftline products for the global marine, clean power generation, pump, offshore and industrial markets. Recognized internationally for superior performance in eliminating oil and grease from bearing applications, Thordon Bearings has a worldwide customer service network in over 100 countries.

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