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**For Immediate Release****Worthington Industries Assists in Tsunami Relief Effort**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (May 13, 2005)**—Worthington Industries, Inc. (NYSE:WOR) announced today that its Dietrich Metal Framing business segment has partnered with Tsunami REACH to donate materials to build two new homes for Sri Lankan victims of the 2004 tsunami catastrophe.

Dietrich Metal Framing will provide light gauge metal framing components including expansion joints, casing and corner beads and ribbed lath which will be used by volunteers to construct the new homes.

"Tsunami REACH is putting forth tremendous effort to help supply the need for housing and medical facilities in the areas that were devastated by the Tsunami," said Jeff Bradley, vice president, strategic planning for Dietrich Metal Framing. "Dietrich Metal Framing is pleased to partner with Tsunami REACH and its volunteers to construct two new homes in Sri Lanka."

**About Dietrich Metal Framing**

Dietrich Metal Framing is the largest manufacturer of steel framing products in the United States. Dietrich's 2,000 employees in 30 facilities use state-of-the-art equipment and in-house metallurgic labs to ensure superior product performance and competitive prices. Dietrich Metal Framing, founded in 1959, is a Worthington Industries Company.

**About Worthington Industries**

Worthington Industries is a leading diversified metal processing company with annual sales of more than \$2 billion. The Columbus, Ohio, based company is North America's premier value-added steel processor and a leader in manufactured metal products such as automotive past model service stampings, pressure cylinders, metal framing, metal ceiling grid systems and laser welded blanks. The company employs 8,000 people and operates 66 facilities in 10 countries.

Founded in 1955, the company operates under a long-standing corporate philosophy rooted in the golden rule, with earning money for its shareholders as the first corporate goal. This philosophy, an unwavering commitment to the customer and one of the strongest employee/employer partnerships in American industry serve as the company's foundation.

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**About Tsunami REACH**

Tsunami REACH is a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a building facility in Sri Lanka and training local citizens in the technology and production process to build homes, medical clinics, nurseries and schools. The organization is based in Washington, D.C.

**Safe Harbor Statement**

The company wishes to take advantage of the Safe Harbor provisions included in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("the Act"). Statements by the company, which are not historical information constitute "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Act. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ from those projected. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include risks described from time to time in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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