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Thern Air Winch Line Now Includes Personnel Rated Units

March 17, 2008, WINONA, MN. - Thern Inc. is pleased to announce expansion of its BIG RED TA Series air winch line to include new units designed and rated for personnel lifting.

BIG RED RIDER dual-rated personnel/utility winches carry an ABS Type Approval in accordance with ABS CDS 2006 Guide verifying that Thern's line is manufactured to the highest industry standards. Units are available in TA2P, TA2.5P and TA5P models as well as a high speed TA2HP model. These personnel/utility winches feature a capacity range of 2400lbs maximum full drum rated capacity on the TA2HP up to 6,900 lbs full drum rated capacity on the TA5P, when used for personnel lifting in accordance with ABS CDS 2006 Guide.



In addition to standard Thern air winch features, which include a 2-Year warranty, rugged welded steel construction, reliable radial piston motors and one of the industry's quickest deliveries, all dual-rated personnel/utility winches feature a dual braking system comprised of an automatic disc brake and either a manual or automatic band brake.

Thern is also pleased to announce ABS Type approval for their standard series TA2.5 and TA5 Utility winches. In addition to Type Approval, ABS Survey for individual winch units is available per request on all orders.

Increasingly popular in the marine, oil, gas and offshore drilling markets, Thern air winches are designed to provide rugged and reliable lifting and pulling power for years of reliable service in these demanding applications.

BIG RED RIDER personnel/utility winches are currently available and will be showcased by Thern in May at OTC 2008 in Houston, TX.

Celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2008, Thern, Inc. is a major designer and manufacturer of winches, cranes and hoists for virtually any industrial application. Founded in 1948, Thern is headquartered in Winona, MN and markets its products worldwide. Learn more about Thern products at www.thern.com or contact us via email at info@thern.com or call 1-800-843-7648.

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