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Aspen Recognized by WM Wrigley Jr. Company for Exemplary Transportation Services in 2008

Ontario, CA. 08.20.09 – Aspen's Transportation Division has been recognized with the 2008 Wrigley Globe and Spear Award for their exemplary work in handling the WM Wrigley Jr. Company's product within the ascribed year. The award is given to transportation companies who meet or surpass defined transportation metrics. Aspen beat the numbers for on-time deliveries, volume, total claims processed versus orders handled, and reporting accuracy & timeliness for the category 1 LTL division of service providers. Category 1 refers to companies that deliver a specified volume of product within the Wrigley network of customers. The award was handed out August 6th at a ceremony held in Wrigley's Headquartered city of Chicago, IL.

Aspen, who is a third party Logistics Company, looks at the award as a welcomed recognition of a culmination of a lot of people's hard work. Operating a third party asset based logistics network can be a thankless job, since few really question how products may eventually arrive on store shelves. But, the usual conclusion of a satisfied customer makes the effort worthwhile. The Company's CEO Connie Anderson and Executive Vice-President Jim Emmerling were on-hand to receive the award from the grateful Wrigley Logistics Team. Both award and plaque will be displayed at the Ontario, California and Salt Lake City locations, where Aspen Transportation Departments are located.

Aspen will continue to keep its focus on the target metrics set by Wrigley to reclaim the recognition in 2009. They also created additional benefits this year by expanding their services footprint and new lean logistics initiatives to press on their drive towards achievement. It sounds like conflicting directions, but the company is doing just that and feels it will aid them in reclaiming the prize. The transportation team has also recently been qualified for the Government's SmartWays Transportation partnership, which encourages tight oversight over carbon footprints and lean initiatives. The combination of the new assets and initiatives will add to the recently recognized value. It will also enforce the Aspen directive of continual improvement.

Aspen is a top 100 third party logistics firm who has been in business for over 30 years and operates approximately 2.5 million square feet of modern refrigerated and ambient warehouse facilities along with their own fleet of trucks. Aspen specializes in a variety of value-added services, including co-packing, pick pack, just-in-time inventory management and time sensitive custom deliveries. Aspen is a specialist in the retail and healthcare supply chain and understanding the details involved with shipping to major retailers and grocery chains.

The Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company is a recognized leader in confections with a wide range of product offerings including gum, mints, hard and chewy candies, lollipops, and chocolate. The Company has operations in more than 40 countries and distributes its world-famous brands in more than 180 countries. Three of these brands – Wrigley's Spearmint ®, Juicy Fruit ®, and Altoids ® – have heritages stretching back more than a century. Other well-loved brands include Doublemint ®, Life Savers ®, Skittles ®, Big Red ®, Boomer ®, Pim Pom ®, Winterfresh ®, Extra ®, Starburst ®, Freedent ®, Hubba Bubba ®, Orbit ®, Excel ®, Creme Savers ®, Eclipse ®, Airwaves ®, Solano ®, Sugus ®, Locketts ®, P.K. ®, Cool Air ® and 5 ®. Wrigley is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and operates as a subsidiary of Mars, Incorporated, based in McLean, Virginia. Mars is a \$30-billion, family-owned company that produces some of the world's leading confectionery, food and petcare products and has growing beverage and health & nutrition businesses.

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