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## **ITW SEXTON TEAMS WITH WHITAKER AND ASSOCIATES TO GENERATE NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Decatur, AL, March 5, 2012** – ITW Sexton, a world leader in the production of specialty aerosol cans and filter and capacitor shells, has formed a strategic alliance with Whitaker and Associates, a suburban Chicago manufacturer’s rep firm. Whitaker will help ITW Sexton find new markets throughout the Midwest for the deep drawn stampings it manufactures at its Martinsburg, WV facility.

Don Whitaker established Whitaker and Associates more than 20 years ago in Barrington Hills, IL, near Chicago, after a 10-year industrial sales career with a Fortune 200 company. During that time, Mr. Whitaker served a number of ITW Sexton’s sister companies and has continued to do so after going into business for himself.

“My team and I look forward to Whitaker and Associates helping us identify companies throughout the industrial heartland that can benefit from our engineering and production expertise,” says Yurij Wowczuk, ITW Sexton’s general manager. “We set the quality standard for capacitor cans and covers, as well as for housings that protect filters, compressors and pumps used in the non-automotive filtration, HVAC, and power and fluid transmission markets. I am enthusiastic about working with Don Whitaker and his team to expand our customer base.”

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“ITW Sexton has the capabilities in deep-drawn stampings to be valuable for numerous products and applications in a wide range of markets,” adds Mr. Whitaker. “All of us at Whitaker and Associates welcome the opportunity to use our knowledge of stampings and industry contacts for helping Yurij and his colleagues identify prospects and develop long-term relationships with them.”

#### **About Whitaker and Associates**

Whitaker and Associates is a manufacturer’s rep firm that Don Whitaker started more than 20 years ago following a 10-year industrial sales career with a Fortune 200 company. Whitaker and Associates promotes the products and value-added services of manufacturers in a wide range of industries, including stampings, castings and fasteners. The company is based in Barrington Hills, IL, near Chicago, and serves customers throughout the Midwest. For more information, contact **Don Whitaker** at **847.277.0463** or e-mail **don@whitakerandassoc.com**

#### **About ITW Sexton**

ITW Sexton manufactures deep drawn stampings at its Martinsburg, WV facility, and produces high-pressure aerosol cans in Decatur, AL. ITW Sexton is a division of Illinois Tool Works (ITW), a Fortune 500 company that produces engineered fasteners and components, equipment and consumable systems, and specialty products. ITW employs nearly 60,000 people in 825 business units and has operations in 52 countries. The company is based in Glenview, IL, near Chicago. For more information, contact **Yurij Wowczuk** at **256.355.5850, x152**, e-mail **ywowczuk@sextoncan.com** or visit **www.sextoncan.com**

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