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Pioneer Plastics, Inc. Named to US's Top Business List for 2008

Eagan, Minnesota, 05/04/09: In recognition of the economic power of privately held businesses, DiversityBusiness.com, the nations' leading business-to-business internet site, recently named Pioneer Plastics, Inc and its group of companies as one of the top businesses in the United States.

This is the 9th annual listing of the US's top 500 businesses by DiversityBusiness.com. Companies listed on the Top Business Lists represent the Nation's top multicultural earners and challenge the long-held notion that a privately held business is small or insignificant. Winners are sought after by major corporations wishing to increase spending with small businesses.

"Entrepreneurs are a growing force in the U.S. economy, and a force to be reckoned with," said Kenton Clarke, CEO of Computer Consulting Associates International, the company that built DiversityBusiness.com. This is a whole business segment that can carry its own, that provides jobs, products and services, and generates wealth for their communities. These are the new leaders in American business."

Minnesota based Pioneer Plastics, Inc. has grown from a local Midwestern manufacturer of plastic components and products to a global player among its major competitors. Over the past five years, Pioneer has grown through acquisitions and diversification. Pioneer's two main US based subsidiaries, **Thermotech, Inc.**, based in Hopkins, MN with two operating facilities in Mexico and **Group Tool, Inc.** based in Normal and Lexington, IL have continued to grow and expand through Pioneer's worldwide network of partners and suppliers. "We face challenges each day, it's our discipline, commitment and attention to detail that makes us among the best in this industry", said Mr. Minou Hussain, Chairman and CEO of Pioneer Plastics. "Our growing success is the direct reflection of our customer's reward for our hard work", he added. By serving over 270 customers in 16 countries Pioneer and its divisions **Thermotech** and **Group Tool** have propelled us to the top in 2008.

The Award

This Award is a classification that represents the top small businesses in the U.S., in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, food service and professional services. Large organizational buyers throughout the country that do business with multicultural, small and women-owned businesses use the list. The List is produced annually by DiversityBusiness.com, the nation's leading multicultural B2B Internet portal that links large organizational buyers to multicultural product and service suppliers.

The winning companies were honored at a special awards ceremony at DiversityBusiness.com's "9th Annual Multicultural Business Conference", on April 29 – May 1, 2009 at the Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Pioneer Plastics' COO Matt Mahmood said, "We are honored to be recognized and listed among the 2008 Top 500 Small Businesses in America and our great State of Minnesota. We are grateful to DiversityBusiness.com for promoting and bringing successful MBEs to the attention of so many great companies. Winning this nationally recognized Award is a tremendous honor for our companies and our most valued customers".

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Launched in 1999, DiversityBusiness, with over 46,000 members, is the largest organization of diversity owned businesses throughout the United States that provide goods and services to Fortune 1000 companies, government agencies, and colleges and universities. DiversityBusiness provides research and data collection services for diversity including the "Top 50 Organizations for Multicultural Business Opportunities", "Top 500 Diversity Owned Companies in America", and others. Its research has been recognized and published by Forbes Magazine, Business Week and thousands of other print and Internet publications. The site has gained national recognition and has won numerous awards for its content and design. It is a leading provider of Supplier Diversity management tools and has the most widely distributed Diversity magazine in the United States. DiversityBusiness.com is produced by Computer Consulting Associates International Inc. (CCAii.com) of Southport, CT., founded in 1980.