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WITH SECOND DIVIDEND RECAP, BUCKINGHAM CAPITAL RETURNS 1.1X CAPITAL INVESTED IN FUND I DURING CHALLENGING ECONOMY

NEW YORK, NY, December 18, 2008 – New York-based private equity firm Buckingham Capital Partners completed the second dividend recapitalization of Trantech Radiator Products, Inc. in conjunction with Key Principal Partners (“KPP”) and First Bank Business Capital. Trantech is a leading supplier of industrial heat exchangers (also referred to as radiators) to the North American electric power transmission and distribution industry.

Trantech was the first investment made by Buckingham in its inaugural fund, Buckingham Capital Partners, L.P., a vintage-2003 vehicle that is now fully invested. Shail Sheth, Managing Partner of Buckingham, commented, “We are pleased to complete this second dividend recapitalization of Trantech for our LPs and partner with KPP to continue to build Trantech, which has tremendous worldwide growth prospects.” In September 2007, Trantech completed its first dividend recapitalization which provided a 3.2x return on equity to its investors. Cumulatively, the two dividends have provided a 5.2x return on the investment and a 1.1x return on the fund. In its first fund, Buckingham continues to own 100% of its original investments in 4 additional companies well as 81.5% of its original investment in Trantech.

Since 2005, Trantech has grown significantly as electrical utilities spent heavily to upgrade an aged power distribution infrastructure which experienced significant underdevelopment in the past 30 years. The outlook for Trantech remains bright for the next several years as utilities will continue to invest in the power grid. Trantech will benefit from industry growth opportunities and realize profitability and productivity improvements from a multi-million dollar manufacturing automation project that was completed in December 2008.

About Trantech Radiator Products

Headquartered in Edgefield, South Carolina, Trantech is one of two suppliers of heat exchangers to the North American electric power transmission and distribution industry. For over 50 years, Trantech has been the North American leader and one of the most recognized and respected names in providing heat transfer solutions to the transmission and distribution industry. The Company’s product breadth, superior and reliable delivery lead times and long history of manufacturing high quality products have resulted in a leading market share in North America, an enviable installed base of over 2 million units and a loyal customer base that has been with the Company for an average of 30 years. Additional information can also be found at www.trantechradiators.com.

About Buckingham Capital Partners

Buckingham Capital Partners is a New York-based private equity firm that has a strong track record of investing in established companies with operations in North America. Buckingham’s principals have worked together for more than 14 years and have demonstrated an exceptional

investment track record. The team brings a broad and complementary array of transactional, legal, financial, and operating skills through its investment professionals, operating partners and executive board members.

The lower middle market buyout specialist is currently investing out of its second fund, Buckingham Capital Partners II, L.P., a vintage-2006 vehicle that is approximately two-thirds invested across four portfolio companies. Since December 2004, Buckingham has completed nine leveraged buyouts with combined sales in excess of \$270 million and more than 1,200 employees.

Buckingham is located at 950 Third Avenue, 19th floor, New York, NY 10022. Additional information can also be found at www.buckinghamcapital.com.

About Key Principal Partners

Key Principal Partners Corp.® (“KPP”) is a \$1 billion private equity and mezzanine firm that provides expansion capital to profitable middle-market companies with at least \$30 million in revenue. The firm has the flexibility to provide any combination of subordinated debt, preferred equity and/or common equity in either non-control (minority ownership) or control (majority ownership) positions. KPP can invest between \$7 million and \$40 million to facilitate the growth, acquisition, refinancing or liquidity needs of private company owners and their management teams. Affiliated with KeyCorp, KPP is headquartered in Cleveland, and has additional offices in Greenwich and San Francisco. For additional information, please visit www.keyprincipalpartners.com.

About First Bank Business Capital

First Banks, Inc. and its subsidiaries and affiliates offer a vast portfolio of products and services for both individuals and businesses. In our fourth generation of family ownership, First Banks, Inc. now serves customers in 215 locations and has \$10.3 billion in assets. For additional information, please visit www.firstbanks.com.