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**PARMATECH RECEIVES 2009 MPIF AWARD OF DISTINCTION IN THE
HAND TOOL/RECREATION CATEGORY**

PETALUMA, CA – Parmatech Corporation, a leading provider of custom manufactured Metal Injection Molding (MIM) components and services, has received the “2009 Award of Distinction” in the hand tool/recreation category from the Metal Powder Industries Federation’s Design Excellence Awards Competition held at PowderMet 2009 in Las Vegas. The winning 420 stainless steel housing block used in a 45-caliber handgun, is an example of how Parmatech’s metal injection molding (MIM) capabilities deliver efficient solutions to complex engineering components.

The 420 stainless steel housing block contains the firearms spring mechanism and provides sliding action with other mechanical parts. The complex MIM part features wings, undercuts, both through-holes and blind holes, as well as thin and thick cross sections. Formed to a final density of 7.7 g/cm, the part has a tensile strength of 261,000 psi, yield strength of 218,000 psi, and a 48-52 HRC hardness range.

“We are honored that MPIF has recognized Parmatech as a leader in MIM technology,” said Brian McBride, General Manager at Parmatech. “This award acknowledges our years of dedication to creating the highest quality products and providing our customers with an unparalleled level of expertise and service.”

Parmatech continues to leverage their years of experience in the MIM industry by offering design guidance and expert capabilities including: identification of prototyping needs, rapid prototyping, alloy development, metrology assistance, and identification and managing complex secondary operations. Through implementing MIM technology, customers benefit from a low cost, high volume manufacturing process that produces intricate parts to near net shape.

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About Parmatech Corporation

Since 1972, Parmatech Corporation has been a leading provider of custom manufactured Metal Injection Molding (MIM) components and services. Through proprietary process and material technology, Parmatech provides a robust set of solutions to meet the challenges of their customers around the world. Developed from over thirty-five years of operational experience, Parmatech's unique set of tools provide solutions to even the most demanding MIM applications.

Parmatech Corporation is part of the ATW family of companies and is the recipient of seven Grand Prize Awards, seven Awards of Distinction and two Awards of Achievement, a total of sixteen awards from the Metal Powder Industry Federation (MPIF). For more information on Parmatech Corporation, visit www.parmatech.com , call 1-800-709-1555 or write dlauck@parmatech.com.

About ATW Companies

Headquartered in Warwick, RI, ATW Companies runs state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities located in California, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. ATW Companies offers global sales and support and is a highly engineered metal solution provider to the metal component marketplace servicing customers worldwide. ATW provides a wide range of fabrication technologies to meet the exacting requirements of industries and diverse technologies for the most critical applications. Through continuously adding value and innovation to their products and services, ATW offers the best solutions for customers and their partners.

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