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WESTERN PUMP, INC. IS NAMED AS ONE OF “CALIFORNIA’S BEST PLACES TO WORK” FOR 2008

San Diego, CA (March 10, 2009) Western Pump, Inc. has been ranked 4th place in the small company- size category of *California’s Best Places to Work* program. This second annual best workplace program exclusively for California employers was sponsored by Employers Group, the preeminent human resources expert and advocate serving California employers.

“It is a great honor to receive recognition from the Employers Group as one of the Best Places to Work in California. The Rethmeier family is indeed blessed to have so many talented and dedicated employees who share our vision, our values, and are working so effectively to achieve our long term goals of continuous growth and continuous improvement. ...,” said Dennis Rethmeier, President / Western Pump, Inc.

Western Pump, Inc.’s placement was based on its ranking against the scores of more than 400 companies’ responses to a survey of employers and employees in nine categories, including: work-life balance, pay, benefits, training and advancement opportunities, diversity programs, turnover, perks, employee voice and workplace culture, and community involvement. Five winners were selected from each of three company-size categories: small (50 to 99 employees), medium (100-499 employees) and large (500+ employees).

With headquarters in San Diego, CA, Western Pump, Inc. is a fully integrated, award-winning petroleum and lubrication systems firm in Southern California specializing in the construction and servicing of fleet fueling facilities, aviation, retail service stations, convenience stores, marinas, and vehicle maintenance facilities.

“Western Pump, Inc. has distinguished itself as a champion for leading edge employee benefits and best HR practices, and in doing so, has raised the bar for employers everywhere,” said Mark Wilbur, President and CEO of Employers Group, the preeminent human resources expert and advocate serving California employers. “This is particularly uplifting news during a period of economic turmoil, and speaks to the quality of organizations that appreciate their workers.”

For more information about Western Pump, Inc. visit www.westernpump.com, or call (619) 239-9988.

For more information about “California’s Best Places to Work” program and Employers Group, visit www.employersgroup.com/cabest.