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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SEEGER-ORBIS TAKES THE WIND INDUSTRY BY STORM WITH TEMPEST™ RETAINING RING SERIES**

**Bristol, CT, May 4, 2009** – Over the last decade, wind energy capacity has grown globally at an average cumulative rate of more than 32 percent annually. With turbines getting bigger, Seeger-Orbis, a leading manufacturing of retaining rings and business of Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE: B), has launched a retaining ring series designed specifically for the growing demands of the wind energy industry.

Seeger, regarded as the leader in retaining rings in Europe, tailored the new Tempest™ series to meet the large size requirements and durable “toughness” necessary for the extreme service requirement of wind turbines. High performance and precision products, Tempest™ rings are manufactured from high-grade spring steels that are chosen for the special characteristics they deliver to wind turbine nacelles. Tempest™ rings range in size from 1000 mm or larger depending on customer needs; making them ideal for various gear box applications, including the pitch system, main bearing, yaw system, gearbox, brake system and generator.

“Due to the nature of the wind industry, rings must be extremely durable and ensure performance in critical force situations,” said Jörg Eberhard, Manager, Industry Management – Energy, Barnes Group Inc. “Leveraging our CAD-Systems and engineering ingenuity, Seeger partners with customers to custom design and manufacture the Tempest™ product line for their specific needs. Seeger’s retaining systems are recognized all over the world for their superior performance. We are taking this commitment to precision, quality, technical innovation and reliable design solutions to the next level with the Tempest™ series.”

All rings in the Tempest™ series meet TS 16949 Certified Quality Assurance system specifications. For more information on Seeger’s Tempest™ ring series, visit its Web site at [www.seeger-orbis.de](http://www.seeger-orbis.de).

#### **About Seeger-Orbis and Barnes Group Inc.**

Seeger-Orbis is the leading manufacturer of retaining rings and snap rings for the wind power industry. Europe's premier ring producer for the last decade, Seeger-Orbis engineers, manufactures and delivers customer service for a large assortment of fastening elements, including retaining rings, snap rings, tight tolerance select fit shims and support washers.

Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE:B) is a diversified global manufacturer and logistical services company focused on providing precision component manufacturing and operating service support. Founded in 1857, the 5,700 dedicated employees at more than 60 locations worldwide are committed to achieving consistent and sustainable profitable growth. For more information, visit [www.BGInc.com](http://www.BGInc.com). Barnes Group, the Critical Components People.

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