Thomas Industries Announces Live Webcast of Their Presentation at Gabelli Conference

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 29 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomas Industries Inc. (NYSE: TII) today announced that a Webcast of its presentation to analysts at the Gabelli & Company 13th Annual Pump, Valve & Motor Symposium, on Thursday, February 6, 2003, will be available live to shareholders and other interested parties.

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WHAT:  Presentation by Timothy C. Brown, Chairman, President and Chief
       Executive Officer, and Phillip J. Stuecker, Chief Financial Officer
       and Vice President of Finance, as part of the Gabelli & Company
       13th Annual Pump, Valve & Motor Symposium
WHEN:  Thursday, February 6, 2003, at 8:45 a.m. EST
WHERE:      Live over the Internet at www.thomasind.com or www.vcall.com
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If you are unable to listen during the live Webcast, the presentation will be archived on the above Web sites for approximately 90 days, along with the accompanying slides.

Thomas Industries Inc., headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, is the recognized leader in the design and manufacture of Rietschle Thomas brand pumps and compressors for use in global OEM applications, supported by worldwide sales and service for key customer applications and end-user markets. High quality automotive component castings are also a key offering. Other products include Welch laboratory equipment and Oberdorfer centrifugal and rotary gear liquid pumps. The Company also owns a 32 percent interest in Genlyte Thomas Group LLC, the third largest lighting fixture manufacturer in North America. Thomas has operations in North & South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

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