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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Product Introduction

## **NEW POWERED DUCT ROD PUSHER REDUCES THE PHYSICAL STRAIN OF CABLE PLACEMENT WITHOUT DAMAGING EXISTING CABLE**

**March 2009; Trevoese, PA** – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoese, PA, is pleased to introduce the new Powered Duct Rod Pusher to its growing arsenal of underground cable placement tools and equipment. The Powered Duct Rod Pusher offers a mechanized method for working with GMP's 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) duct rods. It provides an alternative to expensive rodding trucks, which can cause damage to existing cable due to their immense power. The Powered Duct Rod Pusher is hydraulically powered, providing precise control, and can push and pull forces up to 300 lbs. (136.1 kg); all the while moving at speeds of up to 130 feet (39.6 m) per minute.

GMP's Powered Duct Rod Pusher comes with a gasoline-driven power pack, hoses, and is mounted on a lightweight, corrosion-resistant steel frame. The unit can be easily and quickly removed from the frame for mounting on trucks or trailers. The rugged frame can be tilted at a 30-degree angle to the manhole to ease the initial bending of the rod. The Powered Duct Rod Pusher also features a Duct Clamp on the machine and a Duct Mounting Clamp Assembly on the cassette. These two items help stabilize the Powered Duct Rod Pusher and rod cassette during use. The Powered Duct Rod Pusher is also equipped with an electronic monitoring system that measures both distance (in feet and meters) and speed. The combined weight of the Pusher and frame is 204 lbs. (93 kg). The power pack weighs 167 lbs. (78 kg).

After a job is complete, the Powered Duct Rod Pusher retrieves the rod using its bi-directional drive track. As the rod is retrieved, a wiping window located at the front end of the machine allows the rod to be cleaned prior to storing back on the cassette. A package of rod wiper pads is

provided. GMP's 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) duct rods are available in lengths of 200 –1,200 feet (61–366 m) and are sold separately. Please consult with the factory first before using a different brand of duct rods.

More information about this product is available online at [www.gmptools.com/nf/89004.htm](http://www.gmptools.com/nf/89004.htm) or by contacting Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500; [info@GMPtools.com](mailto:info@GMPtools.com).

### **ABOUT GENERAL MACHINE PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Preparing to celebrate 75 years of manufacturing and engineering excellence, General Machine Products Company, Inc., (GMP) is a global provider of a wide range of products for the telecommunications, power utility and cable television industries, and the contractors who serve them. Product applications include the placement of fiber optic, copper conductor, and coaxial cable both aerially and underground.

GMP aerial cable lashing machines, Adams® continuous duty winches and fiber optic cable pullers are accepted as the industry standard. The complete line of GMP's 1,100+ products also includes cable reels and aerial blocks, cable cutters, unique RJ plug pressing tools, fiber optic cable blowing equipment, and other specially-designed tools for the data, telecommunications, and power utility markets.

Our facilities include a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Trevoze, PA, in suburban Philadelphia, and in Rutland, England (its CBS Products, Ltd. unit). Both facilities are equipped with a full complement of technologically advanced machine tools manned by a well-trained team of craftspeople.

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**Photo Caption:**

GMP's Powered Duct Rod Pusher easily pushes and pulls duct rods without damaging pre-existing cable.