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**HARTMARX REAFFIRMS FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES FOR 2006  
AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING**

CHICAGO, April 21, 2006 - - In his presentation to shareholders at the Company's annual meeting held in New York City on April 20, 2006, Homi B. Patel, chairman and chief executive officer of Hartmarx Corporation (NYSE: HMX), reaffirmed the Company's financial objectives for 2006:

- to achieve a low-to-mid single-digit sales increase;
- to grow earnings by 12% - 20%; and
- to reduce debt on a comparable basis (excluding the impact of acquisitions, stock buy-backs or dividends) by 20%.

Mr. Patel reiterated the Company's mid-term goals, which also remain unchanged:

- to achieve a 50/50 split between tailored and non-tailored categories;
- to deliver earnings per diluted share of \$.90 in 2007; and
- to outperform the three- and five-year stock market indices.

A copy of Mr. Patel's presentation to shareholders can be found at [www.hartmarx.com](http://www.hartmarx.com).

In addition, Mr. Patel stated that pursuant to the Company's share repurchase authorization announced in October, 2005, the Company has to-date repurchased 150,000 shares at an average price of \$8.27 per share. Pursuant to the share repurchase authorization, the Company has authority to repurchase a total of 2,000,000 shares.

Hartmarx produces and markets business, casual and golf apparel under its own brands including Hart Schaffner Marx, Hickey-Freeman, Palm Beach, Coppley, Cambridge, Keithmoor, Society Brand, Racquet Club, Naturalife, Pusser's of the West Indies, Royal, Brannoch, Riserva, Sansabelt, Exclusively Misook, Barrie Pace, Christopher Blue, Wörn, L. Paseo and Aura. In addition, the Company has certain exclusive rights under licensing agreements to market selected products under a number of premier brands such as Austin Reed, Tommy Hilfiger, Kenneth Cole, Burberry men's

tailored clothing, Ted Baker, Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus, Claiborne, DKNY Donna Karan New York, Pierre Cardin, Perry Ellis, Jeffrey Banks, Jhane Barnes, Lyle & Scott, Golden Bear, Jag and Starington. The Company's broad range of distribution channels includes fine specialty and leading department stores, value-oriented retailers and direct mail catalogs.

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