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**HARTMARX REPORTS OPERATING RESULTS
FOR ITS SECOND QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS;
LOWERS FULL YEAR 2006 EARNINGS GUIDANCE**

CHICAGO, June 29, 2006 - - Hartmarx Corporation (NYSE: HMX) today reported operating results for its second quarter and six months ended May 31, 2006. Second quarter revenues were \$152.6 million compared to \$145.7 million in 2005. Net earnings were \$3.9 million or \$.10 per diluted share in the current period compared to net earnings of \$5.4 million or \$.15 per diluted share last year. For the six months, revenues increased to \$296.8 million from \$289.6 million in 2005. Net earnings were \$6.5 million or \$.17 per diluted share compared to net earnings of \$9.6 million or \$.26 per diluted share in 2005.

Homi B. Patel, chairman and chief executive officer of Hartmarx, commented, "Our second quarter and year-to-date results are extremely disappointing and below our internal plans. For the first time in five years, we will be lowering the annual earnings guidance established at the beginning of the year. Frankly, we find this unacceptable.

"The ongoing consolidation and other ownership changes in the mainstream department store channel resulted in lower margins in the moderate priced tailored clothing product category. We experienced more off-price sales and customer allowances than previously anticipated. The current intensely competitive retail environment in this channel has continued longer than originally expected and does not show signs of improving in the immediate future. We are taking immediate actions to cut operating expenses, reduce inventories to generate cash and prune those programs that are not contributing sufficient incremental margins. We believe that these steps should result in significant earnings improvement for 2007 and put us back on track towards our long-term earnings objectives.

"Other product categories performed satisfactorily. Tailored clothing at the higher price points is selling well at retail. The Misook business, acquired in July, 2004, continues to generate excellent earnings; the Simply Blue business, acquired at the end of October, 2005, contributed \$11.2 million to year-to-date revenues and approximately \$.035 to diluted earnings per share, and is on target to be accretive for the full year within our previously stated range of \$.05 to \$.07 per share. And, we are actively pursuing acquisitions that can be accretive to earnings, consistent with our strategic criteria.

“We are lowering our 2006 full year guidance to reflect the first half shortfall and current outlook. We continue to expect revenues for the full year to increase in the low- to mid-single digits. We now anticipate full year diluted earnings per share in the range of \$.50 to \$.55, which includes any one-time costs associated with the changes we are making; this compares to the previous guidance of a 12% - 20% earnings improvement over last year’s \$.63 per diluted share.

“Despite the lower year-to-date earnings and expectations for the full year, we are ahead of plan on reducing our investment in working capital and related debt. Whereas at November 30, 2005, inventories were \$23.1 million higher than the year earlier date, at May 31, 2006, they were \$156.9 million, \$7.7 million higher than the year earlier period. Total debt was \$109.4 million at May 31, 2006 compared to \$105.9 million in the year earlier period; total debt declined approximately \$19 million from the year earlier period after excluding the amounts paid for Simply Blue and Hartmarx stock repurchases. We anticipate that we will meet or exceed our goal of reducing debt (excluding the impact of acquisitions, stock repurchases or dividends) by 20% at year-end.

“As of today’s date, the Company has repurchased 494,500 Hartmarx shares at an average cost of \$7.76, pursuant to the previously announced authorization to acquire up to 2 million of its common shares. We will continue to repurchase our stock on the open market as conditions warrant,” Mr. Patel concluded.

Second quarter operating earnings were \$8.5 million in 2006 compared to \$10.7 million in 2005. For the six months, operating earnings declined to \$14.8 million from \$19.2 million in 2005. The decrease reflected a lower gross margin rate of 33.0% for the six months compared to 34.1% in 2005 and resulted from more off-price sales and customer allowances principally affecting moderate priced tailored clothing and certain of the women’s lines. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$84.3 million compared to \$80.6 million in 2005 on the higher sales, representing 28.4% of sales compared to 27.8% in 2005. The \$3.7 million increase reflected, among other things, incremental expenses of \$4.4 million related to the Simply Blue business, \$.7 million of stock compensation expense resulting from the adoption of FASB Statement No. 123R, effective for the Company’s fiscal year beginning on December 1, 2005, and approximately \$2.2 million of incremental costs associated with two new retail stores opened in the second half of 2005, the launch of the “hickey” brand and additional Hart Schaffner Marx brand marketing costs. Interest expense was \$4.5 million year-to-date compared to \$3.4 million in 2005, reflecting both the higher borrowing level due to the \$21 million paid in October, 2005 for the Simply Blue acquisition as well as higher rates.

Hartmarx produces and markets business, casual and golf apparel under its own brands, including Hart Schaffner Marx, Hickey-Freeman, Palm Beach, Copley, Cambridge, Keithmoor, Society Brand, Racquet Club, Naturalife, Pusser’s of the West Indies, Royal, Brannoch, Sansabelt, Exclusively Misook, Barrie Pace, Christopher Blue, Wörn and L. Paseo. 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.

The comments set forth above contain forward-looking statements made in reliance upon the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “should” or “will” or the negatives thereof or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees as actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. The statements could be significantly impacted by such factors as the level of consumer spending for men's and women's apparel, the prevailing retail environment, the Company's relationships with its suppliers, customers, licensors and licensees, actions of competitors that may impact the Company's business, possible acquisitions and the impact of unforeseen economic changes, such as interest rates, or in other external economic and political factors over which the Company has no control. The reader is also directed to the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for additional factors that may impact the Company's results of operations and financial condition. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

-- Financial Summary Follows --

HARTMARX CORPORATION
--- UNAUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY ---
(000's omitted, except per share amounts)

Statement of Earnings	Three Months Ended May 31,		Six Months Ended May 31,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Net sales	\$ 152,566	\$ 145,742	\$ 296,770	\$ 289,564
Licensing and other income	398	283	1,181	1,048
	<u>152,964</u>	<u>146,025</u>	<u>297,951</u>	<u>290,612</u>
Cost of goods sold	102,922	95,165	198,831	190,823
Selling, general & administrative expenses	41,511	40,179	84,277	80,583
	<u>144,433</u>	<u>135,344</u>	<u>283,108</u>	<u>271,406</u>
Operating earnings	8,531	10,681	14,843	19,206
Interest expense	2,441	1,806	4,548	3,381
Earnings before taxes	6,090	8,875	10,295	15,825
Tax provision	2,210	3,450	3,830	6,195
Net earnings	<u>\$ 3,880</u>	<u>\$ 5,425</u>	<u>\$ 6,465</u>	<u>\$ 9,630</u>
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$.11	\$.15	\$.18	\$.27
Diluted	\$.10	\$.15	\$.17	\$.26
Average shares: Basic				
	36,814	36,412	36,808	36,168
Diluted	37,545	37,245	37,516	37,020

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Condensed Balance Sheet	May 31,	
	2006	2005
Cash	\$ 6,546	\$ 6,459
Accounts receivable, net	112,047	110,899
Inventories	156,878	149,198
Prepaid expenses and other assets	16,220	16,986
Goodwill and intangible assets	75,127	58,629
Deferred income taxes	46,012	52,265
Intangible pension asset	35,963	39,411
Net fixed assets	36,105	33,936
Total assets	<u>\$ 484,898</u>	<u>\$467,783</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 93,924	\$ 98,055
Total debt	109,404	105,880
Accrued pension liability	28,730	28,204
Shareholders' equity	<u>252,840</u>	<u>235,644</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 484,898</u>	<u>\$467,783</u>
Book value per share	<u>\$6.83</u>	<u>\$6.41</u>

Selected cash flow data (year-to-date):

Capital expenditures	\$1,844	\$8,724
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,776	2,360
Amortization of intangible assets, long-lived assets and unearned employee benefits	1,726	1,604

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