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Marten Transport increasing its contractor settlement package

MONDOVI, Wis. – Marten Transport, Ltd. is increasing its settlement package for contractors. The company has developed an innovative new mileage scale that rewards contractors with variable rates based on length of haul. This new scale will make shorter hauls, which are often turned down by contractors, more attractive and considerably more profitable for them to accept.

“Our contractors have played an important role in our success, so we are very excited to be able to offer them this new package,” said Marten Chief Operations Officer, Bob Smith. “The trucking business has become increasingly more volatile. We feel the new variable pay scale will help independent contractors be more profitable.”

As of November 1, 2005, Marten will allot \$.94 per mile for loads of 400 miles or less. For loads between 401 and 800 miles, the rate will be \$.90 per mile. Marten will offer \$.87 mile for loads from 801 to 1,200 miles. Loads of 1,201 to 1,600 miles will earn contractors \$.86 per mile. Any load hauled more than 1,600 miles will earn a rate of \$.85 per mile. Marten will also compensate contractors \$.85 per mile for empty (or unloaded) miles.

“It has always been our philosophy to reward expectations of increased performance,” said Marten President and CEO Randy Marten. “We are aware of the increased demands made on independent contractors, so we have re-designed our settlement schedule to more accurately reflect the demands of varying lengths of hauls.”

In addition to the increase in settlement rates per mile, Marten will continue to provide contractors with its industry-leading support package. The company offers contractors free on-board satellite units, paid base plates, permits, tolls, loading and unloading, state fuel and mileage taxes and the leading fuel surcharge program in the industry.

Marten Transport operates more than 2,400 tractors and 3,300 trailers. It employs nearly 2,300 people and operates four regional facilities (Forest Park, Ga., Ontario, Ca., Indianapolis, Ind., and Wilsonville, Ore.) in addition to its corporate headquarters in Mondovi, Wis. For more information about the company visit www.marten.com.

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Marten Transport is one of the leading temperature-sensitive truckload carriers in the United States. It specializes in transporting food and other consumer packaged goods that require a temperature-sensitive or insulated environment. Marten Transport offers service, concentrating on expedited movements for high-volume customers throughout North America. The company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market Exchange under the symbol MRTN.