



Newell Rubbermaid Reaches Resolution With National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Recall of Infant Car Seat Harness Buckles

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ATLANTA, July 1, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Newell Rubbermaid (NYSE:NWL) announced that the company has agreed to conduct a recall of harness buckles used on certain infant car seats made between July 2010 and May 2013. This voluntary recall reflects the satisfactory resolution of the company's ongoing safety discussions with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA"). The estimated costs of the recall were accrued in the company's previously announced first quarter results and any further impact on net sales is expected to be immaterial.

Michael Polk, Newell Rubbermaid's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated: "We are pleased to have reached a resolution of the infant car seat buckle investigation with NHTSA, consistent with the financial assumptions we communicated with our first quarter earnings announcement. We remain focused on growing the Graco brand and driving the Growth Game Plan into action to transform Newell Rubbermaid into a larger, faster growing, more profitable and more global company."

About Newell Rubbermaid

Newell Rubbermaid Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a global marketer of consumer and commercial products with 2013 sales of \$5.7 billion and a strong portfolio of leading brands, including Sharpie®, Paper Mate®, Rubbermaid Commercial Products®, Irwin®, Lenox®, Parker®, Waterman®, Rubbermaid®, Levolor®, Calphalon®, Goody®, Graco®, Aprica® and Dymo®. As part of the company's Growth Game Plan, Newell Rubbermaid is making sharper portfolio choices and investing in new marketing and innovation to accelerate performance.

This press release and additional information about Newell Rubbermaid are available on the company's Web site, www.newellrubbermaid.com.

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