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Blackmer® Supplies TLGLF4A Sliding Vane Pumps To Grammer Industries' Breast Cancer Awareness LPG Trailers

Grand Rapids, MI – Blackmer® has continued its involvement with the campaign to raise breast-cancer awareness by supplying two Model TLGLF4A Sliding Vane Pumps for use on a pair of pink LPG transport trailers that were commissioned by Grammer Industries, Grammer, IN, and built by Mississippi Tank Company, Hattiesburg, MS. The trailers were unveiled to the public in April at the National Propane Gas Association's Southeast Convention and International Expo in Atlanta, GA.

While there are many pink breast-cancer awareness propane-delivery bobtails on the roads throughout North America—with Blackmer providing equipment to a large number of them—it is believed that the Grammer LPG trailers are the first of their kind to feature a breast-cancer awareness message. The funds raised through the use of these trailers, one of which is being operated by Grammer with the other being sold to PAPCO, LLC, Bridgeton, NJ, will benefit the American Breast Cancer Foundation's "Fuel for Hope" campaign, which provides financial assistance for men and women of all ages for breast-cancer testing.

The pink trailers were the brainstorm of Joey Runnels, Sales for Mississippi Tank, and Scott McKeand, Fleet Maintenance Director for Grammer Industries, who came up with the idea while talking at the National Tank truck Carriers' Cargo Tank maintenance Seminar and Exhibit Show last fall.

"We were talking, trying to come up with something new and different, and started talking about the American Breast Cancer Foundation's 'Fuel for Hope' campaign," explained McKeand. "It had been done with bobtails, but nobody had done it with a trailer."

So McKeand and Runnels pitched their idea to their respective bosses, Charles "Shorty" Whittington, President of Grammer Industries, and Danny Miller, President of Mississippi Tank Company. The idea was universally accepted at both ends and the project was greenlighted in October 2009.

"We addressed it with Danny and Shorty and they told us, 'If you think you can pull it off, we'll leave it to you,'" recalled Runnels. "They were behind us 100 percent and there are a lot of other people who have wanted to join us in this 'Fuel for Hope' program, and we're extremely grateful."

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Scott McKeand, Fleet Maintenance Director (left) and Charles "Shorty" Whittington, President of Grammer Industries, Grammer, IN, stand in front of the company's new pink 'Fuel for Hope' breast cancer awareness trailer.

With Blackmer's past history of supplying equipment to worthy causes like breast-cancer awareness campaigns, as well as its role as the preferred supplier of sliding vane transport pumps to Mississippi Tank, it was only natural that a pair of TLGLF4A transport pumps would be featured on these historic trailers.

"We're standard on Blackmer pumps and we have not had any issues with them," said Runnels. "They are perfect for a program like this because we can put the Blackmer pumps on the trailers and pretty much forget about them. Lack of downtime is very important in the transportation business, and with Blackmer pumps you have very little downtime."

McKeand is currently Grammer Industries' Fleet Maintenance Director. In that role, he is responsible for the upkeep of Grammer's entire rolling stock. Having the new pink trailer outfitted with a Blackmer pump, along with the rest of his entire fleet, has made his life a lot easier.

"My association with Blackmer dates back many, many years and it's been a good, long-standing relationship," said McKeand. "All 250 Grammer trailers are equipped with Blackmer pumps, including the new pink Fuel for Hope trailer. In addition to the equipment, the availability of Blackmer services and support is second-to-none."

For more information on the Blackmer Sliding Vane Pumps, please go to www.blackmer.com. For more information about the American Breast Cancer Foundation and its "Fuel for Hope" campaign, please visit www.abcf.org. Blackmer is a member of the Pump Solutions Group (PSG™). For more information on PSG and its member companies, visit www.pumpsg.com.

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