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The Toro Company Recognized by *Forbes Magazine* as one of the “Best Big Companies in America”

Ranked 55 among 400 Companies Based on a Five-Year Total Return

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (March 10, 2006) – The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) was recognized in the January 9 issue of *Forbes Magazine* as one of the “Best Big Companies in America” – the sixth consecutive year the company has appeared on the list.

Listed under consumer durables, Toro ranked second in the industry with a five-year annualized total return of 37.4 percent, and 55 among the top 400 companies on the list.

The selection process for both lists started with the top 400 publicly-traded companies with revenue of at least \$1 billion, a stock price greater than \$5, and a positive book value. Companies were then divided into 26 industries, and ranked according to several other metrics including sales and earnings growth, stock performance and debt to total capital, as well as the company’s innovation, efficiency and market leadership.

About The Toro Company

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of outdoor beautification products, support services and integrated solutions. With sales of \$1.8 billion in 2005, Toro is committed to providing environmentally responsible products of customer-valued quality and innovation. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands that serve a customer base that includes golf course superintendents, groundskeepers, sports field managers, landscape and irrigation contractors, fruit and vegetable growers, and homeowners. The Toro Company is headquartered at 8111 Lyndale Avenue in Bloomington, Minn. Visit the company website at www.thetorocompany.com.

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