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Ankra International Announces New PortaWinch and PortaAnchor Products

Patented Stake Pocket Winch is Major Advance in Winching Systems PortaAnchor provides rated flatbed securement point

Erlanger, KY. June 23 — Flatbed trailer loading just became significantly safer and easier. The PortaWinch and PortaAnchor products will now be sold exclusively by Ankra International, the leading producer of winches used to secure loads to trailers. Ankra International, today, announced that they have secured the rights to manufacture and distribute the Hugg PortaWinch and PortaAnchor from Dick Hugg, President of Hugg Manufacturing of Westside, IA.

The PortaWinch top-loads into any stake pocket on your trailer. It secures your load utilizing your standard 4-inch strap and winch bar. The PortaWinch installs easily and quickly because of a patented spring-loaded hook design that also distributes the load evenly across the base of the stake pocket. Laboratory tested to over 17,500 lbs., the PortaWinch fits all stake pockets and is especially useful in tight spaces such as over tires and toolboxes.

The PortaAnchor solves a major problem facing drivers today, that of rated securement points for tiedowns. Accepting both standard flat hook winch straps as well as chains, this product provides the perfect compliment to any securement system and legal, rated anchor points that are completely portable and can be placed where needed. The PortaAnchor allows hanging the flat hook similar to the rub rail assuring that the buckle will not fall free, even in the case of a slackened strap due to a load settling or shifting.

2005 marks the second year that Ancra International has launched an innovation in load securing systems. Last year, Ancra introduced "GlideLock," an FMCSA-compliant sliding load securement system. This year the new SilverCap ratcheting winch was introduced at Mid America and now the new PortaWinch and PortaAnchor.

For more information on PortaWinch and PortaAnchor and the full line of Ancra cargo restraint products, contact the company at: Ancra International, 2685 Circleport Drive, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018 or phone (800)233-5138. The web site at www.ancra.com features a downloadable full-color brochure on the complete line of Ancra cargo restraint products.

Since 1969 Ancra International LLC, headquartered in Hawthorne, Calif. has been a world-class designer and manufacturer of restraint-related components and assemblies serving the commercial vehicle market and other industries. Each product is made from only the finest materials with attention given to every engineering detail. All component parts and materials are selected for performance and durability to offer customers the most cost-effective and reliable solutions to their needs. In 1996 Ancra was acquired by the Heico Companies, LLC. Heico has aggregate sales of more than \$1.4 billion and an exceptional resource of professional services, financial and insurance partners.