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### **INTERPUMP GROUP WINS 2003 “PARTNER OF THE YEAR” PRIZE OF HOME DEPOT, THE No. 1 US DIY RETAILER WITH SALES OF USD 55 BLN**

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*S. Ilario d’Enza (Reggio Emilia) – October 22, 2003. The **Interpump Group** – and in particular **FAIP**, the Interpump Cleaning division specialised in high-pressure washers for the consumer market - has won the prestigious **“Home Depot Partner of the Year”**, the prize awarded every year to **Home Depot**’s best supplier. Home Depot is the world’s largest DIY retail chain. Interpump Group was chosen from among the **“Top 100”** suppliers of Home Depot, after having won the “Innovation Award” in the year 2002, for the high innovative value of its product offering.*

**Home Depot**, founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1979 is the world’s largest retailer of DIY products. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange since 1981, Home Depot today has an extensive network consisting of over 1,500 stores and megastores in the USA, Canada and Mexico and generates annual sales of some USD 55 billion. For the second year running Home Depot has been ranked sixth in Fortune magazine’s ranking of *“Most Admired Companies in America”* – and for the eighth year running Fortune also ranked Home Depot in the No. 1 slot in its *“America’s Most Admired Retailer”* ranking. Every year Home Depot awards prizes to suppliers that have distinguished themselves in product or service innovation.

Giovanni Cavallini, the Interpump Group’s Vice President and CEO, commented: *“To be able to win, for the second subsequent year, an important award from Home Depot, is a proof of Interpump Group’s ability to offer the market cutting-edge products and to compete with and surpass major global players, not only in pressure pumps and power take-offs for industrial vehicles – our traditional strengths – but also in the Cleaning sector, where Interpump Groups is one of the world-wide leaders”.*

The USA is the world’s most competitive and demanding market. And the assignment by Home Depot of its Innovation Award, in 2002, and of the “Partner of the Year” prize in 2003 to Interpump Group is a demonstration of the Interpump Group’s ability to compete in the market as an industrial group featuring outstanding management of product and service quality and high innovative standards in its offering.

In North America, in the first six months of 2003, the Interpump Group achieved total sales of €110 million. In the USA, Interpump is also directly present with an industrial subsidiary company - **Muncie Power Products, Inc.**, one of the leader in power take-offs for industrial vehicles. In 2002, the Interpump Group was also included in the *Forbes* magazine’s ranking of the world’s 200 most attractive companies with sales of less than USD 1 billion.

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