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City Council Commends Grainger for Contributions to San Jose Economy

SAN JOSE, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 11, 2007—Mayor Chuck Reed recognized Grainger in a commendation—presented at today’s San Jose City Council meeting—for the benefits the company provides to the San Jose economy and community.

Located in San Jose for more than forty years, Grainger is a local supplier of facilities maintenance products to businesses and institutions. Customers such as facilities maintenance professionals, contractors and manufacturers rely on Grainger daily for quick and easy access to thousands of products needed to keep their facilities up and running. These products include things like heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment; hand and power tools, motors and electrical supplies, plumbing, material handling, and safety supplies as well as other essential equipment.

Grainger also has a strong tradition of giving back to the community since its inception 80 years ago and in 2006 donated more than \$11 million in cash and product. As part of giving back in local communities, the company matches employee contributions to nonprofit organizations three-to-one, a rate that only two percent of U.S. companies match—resulting in employees donating \$2.4 million to education, cultural, and community health and human services organizations in 2006. In the Bay Area, Grainger and its employees have supported organizations such as the American Heart Association, Second Harvest Food Bank, Food for Bay Area Families, and the American Red Cross.

The City of San Jose commendation recognized Grainger for creating job opportunities in Silicon Valley, and the company’s continued contribution to the prosperity of the region by inspiring and hiring new talent dedicated to serving local business customers.

The commendation presented by the Mayor and City Council is a part of San Jose's Business Appreciation Initiative, a key component of the City's *Economic Development Strategy* and "Getting Families Back to Work" effort. This business-retention effort recognizes San Jose companies that meet at

least one of the following criteria: fast-growth, significant sales tax generator, large employer, or publicly traded company headquartered in San Jose.

For more information on the City of San Jose's *Economic Development Strategy*, visit <http://www.sjeconomy.com>.

About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc. (NYSE: GWW), with 2006 sales of \$5.9 billion, is a leading broad-line supplier of facilities maintenance products serving businesses and institutions in Canada, China, Mexico and the United States. Through a highly integrated network including nearly 600 branches, 18 distribution centers and multiple Web sites, Grainger's employees help customers get the job done, saving them time and money by having the right products to keep their facilities running.

About the City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development

The City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED) is committed to a vital, competitive San Jose economy that increases prosperity for people and companies and enhances City revenues. The Office guides the City's economic strategy, provides assistance for business success, helps connect employers with trained workers, and provides art, sporting and cultural resources to our community. For more information, please visit, www.sjeconomy.com.

About the City of San Jose

From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the Capital of Silicon Valley—the world's leading center of innovation. The city, the 10th largest in the U.S., is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, work, live, play and learn. For more information, visit, www.sanjoseca.gov.

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