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MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. ACQUIRES STAKE IN STRAUSS DISCOUNT AUTO

~ Includes Option to Purchase 100% of Company ~
~Provides Business Update: Monro's October Comparable Sales up 2% ~

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – November 1, 2005 – Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. (Nasdaq: MNRO) today announced that it has acquired a 13 percent stake in R & S Parts and Service, Inc., a privately owned automotive aftermarket parts and service chain, for approximately \$2 million, from GDJ Retail LLC. As a part of the transaction, Monro will provide R & S with \$5 million of secured debt that carries a five year term and an 8% interest rate. Additionally, Monro will receive \$60,000 per month in consulting fees for providing strategic advice and cost savings related to R & S's operations and growth strategy. The transaction will be funded through Monro's existing credit facility and is expected to be relatively neutral to the bottom line this fiscal year.

R & S operates 101 retail stores under the name of Strauss Discount Auto that provide automotive parts and accessories, 71 of which also have service bays that offer a full range of aftermarket services. The stores generate approximately \$170 million in annual sales and are located throughout New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia.

“Our investment in R & S furthers our strategy to be the dominant automotive aftermarket service provider within our current 17 state footprint. We are extremely excited about R & S's solid presence in highly desirable markets, and we believe they will benefit from our relationships and industry expertise. Additionally, our combined buying power should reap benefits to both Strauss and Monro in the future. In connection with our initial investment, we will work with Strauss to identify potential synergies and new avenues for growth specifically in the tire business, as well as evaluate ways to optimize Strauss' existing assets,” commented Robert G. Gross, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monro Muffler Brake, Inc.

“I’m very pleased that Monro Muffler has decided to make an investment in Strauss, it’s employees and our future. In addition to providing growth capital, Monro’s resources and talent will allow us to take better advantage of the opportunities in the marketplace and enhance our profitability,” stated Glenn Langberg, Chief Executive Officer of R & S Parts and Service.

Monro also has the option to purchase an additional 20% stake in Strauss on or before March 31, 2006 for a cash payment of \$3 million. If Monro decides to make this investment, it will have the opportunity to buy the remaining 67% of Strauss for \$9 million cash plus \$1 million of Monro stock anytime prior to April 1, 2007.

Today, President and CEO, Rob Gross and Chief Financial Officer, Cathy D’Amico will be speaking at the 29th Annual Gabelli Automotive Aftermarket Symposium in Las Vegas and the JP Morgan Small Cap Conference in Boston, respectively. During their web cast presentations, Mr. Gross and Ms. D’Amico will address the recent investment as well as provide an update on October comparable store sales, which were up approximately 2% as compared to the same period last year. Additionally, comparable store sales for the second half of October and first week in fiscal November showed progressive improvement as compared to the first half of October.

Monro Muffler Brake operates a chain of stores providing automotive undercar repair and tire services in the United States, operating under the brand names of Monro Muffler Brake and Service, Speedy Auto Service by Monro, Mr. Tire and Tread Quarters Discount Tires. The Company currently operates 624 stores and has 16 dealer locations in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maine and Michigan. Monro’s stores provide a full range of services for exhaust systems, brake systems, steering and suspension systems, tires and many vehicle maintenance services.

Certain statements made above may be forward-looking and are made pursuant to the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve uncertainties, which may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to differ materially from those expressed. These uncertainties include, but are not necessarily limited to, uncertainties affecting retail generally (such as consumer confidence and demand for auto repair); risks relating to leverage and debt service (including sensitivity to fluctuations in interest rates); dependence on, and competition within, the primary markets in which the Company's stores are located; the need for, and costs associated with, store renovations and other capital expenditures; and the risks described from time to time in the Company's SEC reports which include the report on Form 10K for the fiscal year ended March 26, 2005.

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