Brush Engineered Materials Inc. Names Joseph Szafraniec Vice President Human Resources

CLEVELAND – October 23, 2006 -- Brush Engineered Materials Inc. announced today that Joseph Szafraniec has joined the company as Vice President, Human Resources.

In this capacity, Szafraniec has senior management responsibility for the human resources strategy and policy, and human resources services of Brush Engineered Materials and its wholly owned subsidiaries.

Szafraniec joined Brush Engineered Materials Inc. from AK Steel Company, where, since 2004, he served as Director, Employee Benefits. Prior to AK Steel, he served in senior human resources roles at Ferro Corporation and Alcan Aluminium Limited’s global fabrication units, including Vice President, Human Resources for Alcan Rolled Products Company.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Szafraniec is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and serves on the board of directors of Brown Publishing Company. He and his wife, Sarah, parents of two adult sons, reside in Willoughby, Ohio.

Brush Engineered Materials Inc., commemorating its 75th year in 2006, is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, supplies worldwide markets with beryllium products, alloy products, electronic products, precious metal products, and engineered material systems.

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