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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2005****A. M. CASTLE & CO. EXPECTS STRONG END-MARKETS IN 2006**
As Announced on December 22, 2005 Interview on Bloomberg TV

FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 22ND — A. M. CASTLE & CO. (AMEX: CAS), A North American distributor of highly engineered metals and plastics, today announced expectations for strong end markets in 2006 during an interview on Bloomberg TV. “We expect the durable goods markets to remain strong through 2006, and metal pricing, on average, to plateau at 2005 levels,” said G. Thomas McKane, Chairman and CEO of A. M. Castle & Co. during an interview on Bloomberg TV, Thursday, December 22, 2005. “I would not be surprised to see 2006 volume growth in the 4-6% range,” he noted. “End markets we expect to show particular strength are the oil and gas, aerospace, mining and heavy equipment sectors,” McKane went on to note.

Founded in 1890, A. M. Castle & Co. provides highly engineered materials and value added services to a wide range of companies within the producer durable equipment sector of the economy. Its customer base includes many Fortune 500 companies as well as thousands of medium and smaller-sized firms spread across a wide spectrum of industries. Within its core metals business, it specializes in the distribution of carbon, alloy and stainless steels; nickel alloy; aluminum; copper and brass. Through its subsidiary, Total Plastics, Inc., the Company also distributes a broad range of value-added industrial plastics. Together, Castle operates over 60 locations throughout North America. Its common stock is traded on the American and Chicago Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CAS".