

Williams Controls, Inc.

News Release

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WILLIAMS CONTROLS TO HOST SECOND QUARTER 2008 RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

PORTLAND, OR--(Marketwire – April 17, 2008) - Williams Controls, Inc. (NASDAQ: [WMCO](#)) today announced that it will host its second quarter 2008 results conference call on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 4:15 p.m. EST (1:15 p.m. PST). Williams plans to issue a press release detailing its results the morning of Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

The domestic dial-in number is 888-665-2348 and the international dial-in number is 706-643-4013. To join the conference call, please use the following conference ID number - 44443140. The conference call will also be available live via web cast at the following link: <http://audioevent.mshow.com/344013/>. Please allow a few minutes for registration. NOTE: In order to participate in the Q & A, you must dial in to the conference call with the provided information. You will not be able to communicate on the audio only live web cast. A link to this event will also be available on our website www.wmco.com.

For those unable to join the conference call, a recording of the call will be available through May 31, 2008. Domestic participants should call 800-642-1687 and international participants should call 706-645-9291. The pass code 44443140 will be required to access this recording.

ABOUT WILLIAMS CONTROLS

Williams Controls is a leading global designer and manufacturer of Electronic Throttle Control Systems (ETCs) for the heavy truck, bus and off-road markets. Williams Controls is headquartered in

Portland, Oregon and employs more than 200 people worldwide at locations in North America, Europe, and Asia. For more information, visit Williams Controls website at www.wmco.com.

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