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## **Standard Motor Products, Inc. Announces Increase in Quarterly Dividend**

New York, NY, January 18, 2011.....Standard Motor Products, Inc. (NYSE: SMP), an automotive replacement parts manufacturer and distributor, announced today that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in its quarterly common stock dividend from five cents per share to seven cents per share, payable on March 1, 2011 to stockholders of record on February 15, 2011.

Lawrence I. Sills, Standard Motor Products' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Our Board's decision to increase the dividend reflects our confidence in the future and the importance of delivering returns to our investors."

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