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**Spartan Chassis Preparing for Tighter 2007 Emissions Regulations
Series 60 Engine Installation Approved by Detroit Diesel Ahead of Deadline**

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, September 7, 2006 – Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), today announced it has received approval from Detroit Diesel for the installation of their EPA 2007 certified Series 60 engine.

Spartan Chassis committed a significant amount of engineering resources to the development, testing and introduction of the 2007 Series 60 engine for its Gladiator fire truck chassis. The engine will continue to deliver the same power and performance expected by fire truck customers—with up to 515 hp and 1650 lb.-ft. torque—while meeting the new more stringent EPA emission standards.

“Spartan Chassis and Detroit Diesel worked productively together to validate the installation of the 2007 S-60 without compromising our customers’ needs,” said Richard Schalter, president of Spartan Chassis. “Based on successful chassis testing and installation reviews, that partnership is now paying off with the approval of the Series 60 engine coming well ahead of the January 1, 2007 deadline.”

The new 2007 Environmental Protection Agency Emissions Standards require engine makers to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 50 percent and particulate matter emissions by 90 percent for all on-highway diesel engines produced in 2007.

About Spartan Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Chassis, Inc. (www.spartanchassis.com), a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of specialty chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks and military defense vehicles. Spartan Motors (www.spartanmotors.com), which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$343.0 million in 2005 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

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