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## Manpower Inc. Celebrates World Refugee Day Across the Globe

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Milwaukee, WI (19 June 2009) - Manpower Inc. (NYSE: MAN) recognizes World Refugee Day on Saturday, 20 June in support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR) ongoing global efforts to safeguard the rights and well-being of displaced people.

"Given the current economic situation and widespread global uncertainty, the needs of refugees must not be forgotten. By preparing them for and connecting them to long-term, sustainable employment, Manpower makes a meaningful difference in their lives," said David Arkless, Manpower President of Corporate and Government Affairs.

In February, Arkless represented Manpower on a UNHCR field mission to refugee settlements in Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa. On his trip he witnessed the plight of refugees first-hand and worked to identify how Manpower can help them regain the dignity of work.

"Manpower continues to lead the way in the area of workforce development through our own actions, but also by lobbying, generating awareness and leaning on our peers to commit to best practice. Our ongoing work with the UNHCR is an example of leveraging our core competencies in partnership with governments and businesses that help to provide jobs and job training for refugees," Arkless continued.

According to a comprehensive assessment by the UNHCR of the needs of refugees and other people cared for by the agency, 30 percent were unmet. A third of these were basic and essential services including access to clean water, sanitation, shelter, health care, and protection from violence and abuse.

Manpower's support for the UNHCR began with its joining of the UNHCR's Council of Business Leaders. Launched at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in 2005, the Council of Business Leaders is now comprised of Manpower, Microsoft, Nike, PricewaterhouseCoopers and WPP and is a network of major multinational corporations committed to developing partnerships with the UNHCR to empower forcibly displaced people and help find durable solutions for them.

"Our partnership with Manpower illustrates how public-private partnerships can make a difference in the daily lives of refugees, including in the context of major outreach events like World Refugee Day. As a member of UNHCR's Council of Business Leaders, Manpower is one of our key corporate partners and its growing support to UNHCR is highly appreciated and valued," said Olivier Delarue, UNHCR Head of International Corporate and Foundation Partnerships.

In 2006, with the support of Manpower, its employees and the Council of Business Leaders, the UNHCR launched its ninemillion.org campaign, which provides the world's refugee youth with the chance to change their futures through education and sports. Since the launch of the campaign, Manpower has been a key partner in making ninemillion.org a success through its worldwide efforts to raise awareness and encourage fund-raising and by designating ninemillion.org one of its Corporate Social Responsibility priorities.

Through programs initiated by its local operations throughout the world, Manpower provides people from all walks of life with sustainable livelihoods and helps the disadvantaged and disenfranchised survive and thrive by linking them to work. Manpower's role as an agent of positive social change, particularly in the area of workforce development, forms the cornerstone of the company's corporate citizenship.

### About the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

The UNHCR was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. In more than five decades, the agency has helped people restart their lives. It is twice the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1954 and 1981. Today, a staff of some 6,600 people in more than 110 countries continues to help about 34 million persons. <http://www.unhcr.org>

### About Manpower Inc.

Manpower Inc. (NYSE: MAN) is a world leader in the employment services industry; creating and delivering services that enable its clients to win in the changing world of work. Founded in 1948, the \$22 billion company offers employers a range of services for the entire employment and business cycle including permanent, temporary and contract recruitment; employee assessment and selection; training; outplacement; outsourcing and consulting. Manpower's worldwide network of 4,200 offices in 82 countries and territories enables the company to meet the needs of its 400,000 clients per year, including small and medium size enterprises in all industry sectors, as well as the world's largest multinational corporations. The focus of Manpower's work is on raising productivity through improved quality, efficiency and cost-reduction across their total workforce, enabling clients to concentrate on their core business activities. Manpower Inc. operates under five brands: Manpower, Manpower Professional, Elan, Jefferson Wells and Right Management. More information on Manpower Inc. is available at [www.manpower.com](http://www.manpower.com).

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