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**NIKKO TANAKA ENGINEERING U.S.A. INTRODUCES ITS FIRST TWO
“INSPIRE” DESIGN PRODUCTS AT GIE + EXPO**

AUBURN, WA (October 26, 2007) — Nikko Tanaka Engineering U.S.A., Ltd. (Nikko Tanaka USA) today introduced its first two Tanaka “inspire” design products which feature a revolutionary new look for the commercial handheld outdoor power equipment industry. Tanaka, located in booth #1084, will be displaying prototypes of the THB-260PF handheld blower and the TBC-240PF grass trimmer, as well as its entire line of two-stroke power equipment at the GIE + EXPO 2007.

The “inspire” design for power equipment is based on the award-winning Hitachi Power Tools industrial design and marks the first collaboration between the Hitachi Power Tools design team and Nikko Tanaka Engineering, Ltd. Eventually, the entire Tanaka lineup will be converted to the “inspire” design.

“We are excited to introduce these revolutionary products for the first time at GIE + EXPO,” said Jeff Wright, vice president of sales and marketing for Nikko Tanaka USA. “These products show Hitachi Koki’s commitment to building Tanaka into the premier commercial handheld brand in the industry.”

The TBC-240PF grass trimmer features a 23 cc, 1.2 h.p. PureFire® two-stroke engine, an improved anti-vibration system and solid steel drive shaft. The THB-260PF commercial handheld blower features a 25 cc, 1.3 h.p. PureFire® two-stroke engine, 429 CFM, and weighs just 9.3 lbs.

Effective October 1, 2007, all Tanaka products used for commercial use contain a two-year commercial warranty and three-year homeowner warranty. Both products will be available for purchase in late spring of 2008.

About Nikko Tanaka Engineering U.S.A., Ltd.

Nikko Tanaka Engineering U.S.A., Ltd. (“Nikko Tanaka USA”) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hitachi Koki U.S.A Ltd. (**Hitachi Power Tools**) and is responsible for all sales, marketing, and support activities for the Tanaka power equipment brand in North America. Tanaka’s innovative product line provides professional landscapers, homeowners, and utility professionals with two-stroke powered, commercial outdoor power equipment solutions. Nikko Tanaka USA is headquartered in Auburn, WA, and Tanaka products are sold through independent dealers, W.W. Grainger, and other specialty accounts.

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