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HAWKINS, INC. DECLARES SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND OF \$0.32 PER SHARE

Minneapolis, MN, February 2, 2012 – The Board of Directors of Hawkins, Inc. (Nasdaq: HWKN), at its meeting on February 2, 2012, declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.32 per share payable April 6, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 23, 2012. This is the 27th consecutive year the Company has paid cash dividends since it first began paying out dividends in 1985.

Hawkins, Inc. distributes, blends and manufactures bulk and specialty chemicals for its customers in a wide variety of industries. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and with 25 facilities in 13 states, the Company creates value for its customers through superb customer service and support, quality products and personalized applications.

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