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AMERICAN VANGUARD APPOINTS NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Newport Beach, CA – June 14, 2010 – American Vanguard Corporation (NYSE:AVD) today announced that it has appointed Timothy J. Donnelly to the Position of Chief Administrative Officer, in addition to his current and continuing roles as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary .

In this additional position, Mr. Donnelly will be responsible for Human Resources and Risk Management at American Vanguard and its subsidiary entities. Prior to joining the Company, Mr Donnelly served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of DDi Corporation a publicly held manufacturer of printed circuit boards. He also served as Assistant General Counsel at Rockwell International Corporation from 1991 to 2000 and as an Associate with the law firm of Latham & Watkins from 1986 to 1990. Mr. Donnelly holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from John Carroll University and a Juris Doctor from Northwestern University Law School.

Eric Wintemute, President & Chief Executive Officer of American Vanguard, commented, “Tim Donnelly has assumed increasing responsibilities each year since joining American Vanguard in 2005. In addition to his well-demonstrated legal expertise, Tim has impressed the Board of Directors and his fellow management team members with the judgment, temperament, and energetic capacity to assume the administrative tasks of his new position. Over the past 18 months Tim has increasingly managed the firm’s risk management and insurance programs; consolidated employee benefit administration; and worked on a variety of business development projects. This experience has provided him with a useful foundation for assuming the comprehensive responsibilities of his new Chief Administrative Officer role. I am especially pleased to have him as a leading member of our management team and we are confident that our organization will benefit greatly from his continuing contributions.”

About American Vanguard

American Vanguard Corporation is a diversified specialty and agricultural products company that develops and markets products for crop protection and management, turf and ornamentals management and public and animal health. American Vanguard is included on the Russell 2000® and Russell® 3000 Indexes. To learn more about American Vanguard, please reference the Company’s web site at www.american-vanguard.com.

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