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LOCAL PLASTICS MANUFACTURER ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

With over 30 years of industry experience, Drew McNary is a compliment to Ludlow-based Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

LUDLOW, Mass. – <u>Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.</u>, a world-class plastics manufacturer specializing in extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding, today announced the addition of Drew McNary as director of engineering at the Ludlow-based manufacturing facility.

McNary, a resident of Longmeadow, has over 30 years of broad-based industry experience driving the development of highly successful, market-leading consumer products, packaging and medical devices. In his new role at Meredith-Springfield, McNary will oversee all technical functions and staff.

"We are pleased to welcome Drew to our team of plastics professionals and trust that he will apply his knowledge of manufacturing technologies to allow Meredith-Springfield to offer both new and existing customers high quality and sustainable packaging," said Mel O'Leary, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Meredith-Springfield. "Since manufacturers today are cognizant of the environmental benefits that sustainable packaging offers, it is imperative that as we grow, we increase our talented team of engineers, all of whom have hands-on experience and problem solving capabilities."

Prior to joining Meredith-Springfield, McNary applied his leadership and management skills to overseeing the technical and developmental activities of a Chicopee-based company.

"I look forward to applying my skillset toward building on the stellar reputation Meredith-Springfield has not only in this region, but across the globe," said McNary. "The name Meredith-Springfield is synonymous with quality in plastics engineering and I welcome the opportunity to be a part of such a distinguished team."

McNary joins Dwight Lowe, who assumed the role of director of sales at Meredith-Springfield in April 2012. Lowe, a resident of Belchertown, has over two years of experience in the plastics industry and over 20 years of experience in paper and flexible packaging. Before Meredith-Springfield, Lowe spent over 20 years at MWV Packaging.

"Over the last 30 years, Meredith-Springfield has built an incredible reputation for itself within the plastics industry, and we continue to strive to be the best, not only in the northeast, but across the country," said Lowe. "Drew comes to us with a wide range of industry experience that can be utilized to propel Meredith-Springfield into the future of sustainable plastics packaging."

For more information about Meredith-Springfield, visit meredithspfld.com.

About Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

A plastic extrusion and injection stretch blow molding manufacturing and engineering company in Ludlow, Mass., Meredith-Springfield has built a reputation for providing superior, high-quality finished products and a hassle-free experience to companies across the globe. The company's core competencies include project management of extrusion blow molded articles from concept through commercialization, and creating process solutions to enable optimal manufacturing of the most difficult articles. Meredith-Springfield offers the latest technology for molding PET and other resins to the existing client base and can take advantage of other global opportunities. Clients include American Distilling Inc., B&G Foods, Inc., Chesebrough-Ponds, Chevron Oil, Clairol, Clorox, Elizabeth Arden, Gillette, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft, PepsiCo, and Reebok. These are just a few of the companies who in the past, or at present, enjoy partnerships with Meredith-Springfield. Resin capabilities include HDPE, PP, PVC, PA, PET, EPET, TPE, TPU, ABS, LDPE and Fluoropolymers. Serving the medical, packaging, industrial, HBA, and food industries, Meredith-Springfield consistently demonstrates its capabilities in world-class product design and manufacturing and deepens its national and international relationships. Meredith-Springfield is also a consistent referral for companies of all sizes who need test-market quantities of custom blow molded prototype samples for research and development (R&D) and for "out-of-the box" concept development. For more information, please visit meredithspfld.com.



Drew McNary - Director of Engineering



Dwight Lowe - Director of Sales