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Area manufacturer Meredith-Springfield appoints Ed Kaplan director of finance and administration

On the heels of company expansion and facility upgrades, adds to the growing staff

LUDLOW, Mass. – Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc., a world-class plastics manufacturer specializing in extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding, today announced the addition of Ed Kaplan, filling the important role of director of finance and administration.

A certified public accountant in the state of Connecticut, Kaplan draws expertise from his studies at Western New England University and nearly three decades of professional experience. Holding leadership positions throughout his career, perhaps most notably at a 'Big Four' Accounting Firm, KPMG, Kaplan was ultimately introduced to the plastics industry in 2004, when he assumed the role of chief financial officer/chief operating officer for an injection molding company.

"I am delighted to welcome Ed to Meredith-Springfield," said President and Chief Executive Officer, Mel O'Leary. "He brings a wealth of experience that will serve us well, particularly during this period of growth."

Kaplan's hire can be counted among the many changes Meredith-Springfield has realized in recent months, namely, an 18,000-square-foot expansion, facility upgrades and the acquisition of several state-of-the-art machines, necessary to keep up with increased demand. An ongoing effort throughout this period of transition has been relative to recruiting, a function assumed by Kaplan in his new role. In addition to directing logistics and financial operations of the company, he oversees the office of human resources.

"At present we are hiring for the positions of production manager and supervisor, maintenance and warehouse supervisors, blow molding machine technicians, set up mechanics and electro-mechanics," said Kaplan. "This certainly is an exciting time to join Meredith-Springfield and I encourage any interested parties to contact me."

For more information about Meredith-Springfield, visit meredithspringfield.com or to complete an online employment form, visit meredithspringfield.com/employment.

About Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

An SQF-certified 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 meredithspringfield.com.

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