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Hopkins Names Duke R. Vair to Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Emporia, KS, November 28, 2018 – Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation announces the addition of Duke R. Vair as Vice President Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer. Vair will lead and direct all Human Resource related activities for Hopkins, at its' ten locations around the world.

We are pleased to have Duke join our team at Hopkins," said Bradley T. Kraft, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hopkins. "His experience in building high performing cultures, teamwork, talent management, employee engagement, and acquisitions, along with his exceptional overall HR background, will be invaluable to position him to lead Human Resources and our strategic culture growth initiative."



Most recently, Duke was the Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer for Brakebush Brothers, a food processing, trucking/transportation, logistics, sales and marketing company. Prior to that, Duke served as Vice President, Human Resources for AG Processing, a global soybean oil & bio-fuels manufacturing and processing company. He has also had human resources experience in a variety of industries, including architectural services, staffing services, and telecommunications.

Duke's educational background includes a B.S. in Business from the University of Nebraska and an Associate of Applied Science – Computer Science / Management Information Systems from Metropolitan Community College, in Omaha, Nebraska. He is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources.

ABOUT HOPKINS

Headquartered in Emporia, Kansas, Hopkins is a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of quality, innovative specialized towing products and functional accessories for the automotive and recreational vehicle aftermarkets. Hopkins markets its products under a number of well-recognized brand names, including: **Hopkins Towing Solutions**® Trailer Wiring, Brake Control & Trailer Lighting Products; **Blazer**™ Vehicle Lighting Products; **Carrand**™, **AutoSpa**™, **Tanner's Select**®, **Pacific Coast**™ and **The Detailer's Choice**® Vehicle Cleaning Products; **Mallory**® squeegees; **Bell**®, **Victor**™, **Monkey Grip**™ and **Go Gear**® Vehicle Accessories; **Sub-Zero**® and **Mallory**® Snow & Ice Tools; **Flo-Tool**® Fluid Management Products; **BrakeBuddy**® RV tow brakes; **nVISION**® Vehicle Safety and Off-Road Lighting Products; **ARM & HAMMER**™ and **DUO**™ Automotive Air Fresheners; and **Juice**™ Booster Cables. Founded in 1953, the company has been guided by the philosophy that its products will deliver meaningful innovation, performance and value to the consumer. For more information on Hopkins, visit www.HopkinsMfg.com.

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