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## Hopkins Names Richard O’Leary to Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

**Emporia, KS, October 19, 2015** – Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation announces the addition of Richard O’Leary as Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. O’Leary will lead and direct all Human Resource related activities for Hopkins, at its’ eight locations around the world.

“We are pleased to have Rick join our team at Hopkins,” said Bradley T. Kraft, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hopkins. “His experience with growing companies, both large and small, along with his exceptional background in Human Resources will be invaluable to our cultural and strategic growth initiatives.”

Most recently, Rick was the Corporate Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer for Milacron LLC, a global leader in the plastic technology and processing industry. Prior to that, he served as Corporate Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for Iris International. He also held senior level HR positions with Corning Incorporated, Cytometrics, Inc., Owens Corning and Public Service Electric & Gas. During his career, Rick also served with the Delaware Air National Guard State Staff for over 25 years, retiring as a Clinical Psychologist and Human Relations Officer / Lieutenant Colonel / USAF.



Rick’s extensive educational background includes a B.A. in Sociology and a Masters in College Counseling, both from the University of Delaware; he also has a doctorate in Counseling Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Counseling Psychology, from Western Michigan University. Rick serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at Rowen University School of Medicine teaching business strategy and leadership.

### ABOUT HOPKINS

Hopkins, based in Emporia Kansas since 1953, is the #1 seller of towing electrical, winter snow and ice tools, fluid management and vehicle cleaning products in North America. You can learn more about Hopkins and all of their leading brands at [www.HopkinsMfg.com](http://www.HopkinsMfg.com).

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