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Hopkins Names Rick Stempien to Vice President of Sales

Emporia, KS, December 15, 2014 – (Emporia, KS) – Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation announces the addition of Rick Stempien as Vice President – Sales. Stempien will lead and direct the sales activities for Hopkins with its leading market positions in the automotive and recreational vehicle aftermarket.

“We are pleased to have Rick join our team at Hopkins,” said Bradley T. Kraft, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hopkins. “His extensive background in consumer products, sales management and the automotive aftermarket will be an asset to our organization.”



Most recently, Rick was the Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Trico Products Corporation, a leading producer of windshield wiper systems. In this position, Rick managed the sales & marketing activities and developed growth initiatives for the aftermarket business of Trico. Prior to Trico, Rick was the Vice President of Sales for Fabsol, a supplier of rubber components to automotive and other OEM customers. Rick was also VP of Sales for Holley Performance Products, handling Aftermarket and OEM customers at various times; and he was with JC Whitney as Merchandising Manager and Tenneco Automotive as a Marketing Manager. Rick’s extensive sales management and automotive aftermarket experience is a great fit for working with the Hopkins customer base.

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

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