



Graco Names Dale Johnson President of its Worldwide Contractor Equipment Division

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MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 27, 2017-- The Board of Directors of Graco Inc. (**NYSE: GGG**), a leading manufacturer of fluid handling equipment, has named Dale Johnson President of its Worldwide Contractor Equipment Division, effective Feb. 1. Mr. Johnson, 62, has provided more than 40 years of exceptional service to Graco, most recently as Vice President and General Manager of the Worldwide Contractor Equipment Division. The division markets sprayers for architectural coatings for painting, corrosion control, texture and line striping.

"Dale has created tremendous shareholder value for Graco during his career, leveraging his deep understanding of the contractor market to drive industry-leading financial performance for our Contractor Equipment Division over the past two decades," said Patrick J. McHale, Graco's President and CEO. "Graco Contractor Equipment products are known globally for exceptional performance, reliability and durability. Dale's unique management style, laser-like focus on new product innovation and ability to build a passionate, high-performing team have proven a potent combination for sustaining top and bottom line growth."

ABOUT GRACO

Graco Inc. supplies technology and expertise for the management of fluids and coatings in both industrial and commercial applications. It designs, manufactures and markets systems and equipment to move, measure, control, dispense and spray fluid and powder materials. A recognized leader in its specialties, Minneapolis-based Graco serves customers around the world in the manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance industries. For additional information about Graco Inc., please visit us at www.graco.com or on Twitter @GracoInc.

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