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JAY DUERR FORMERLY OF LMC WORKHOLDING, JOINS KITAGAWA NORTHTECH AS DIRECTOR OF NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Schaumburg, IL – March 6th, 2025 – Kitagawa North-Tech, Inc. (KNI), Turning and Milling Workholding, Automation and Tooling Systems supplier, has named Jay Duerr, Director of New Business Development for North American operations. Prior to joining KNI, Mr. Duerr was formerly the President and CEO of LMC Workholding (Formally Buck Chuck and Logansport Matsumoto Company) in Logansport, Indiana for over three decades. Kitagawa NorthTech will now be supporting the former LMC products, customers and services under the KNI name and Jay Duerr in his new position will lead that effort for the company.

Duerr comes to Kitagawa with extensive, senior level experience, having managed LMC Workholding for 30+ years. Most notably, his experience is parallel with KNI's product portfolio with 3-Jaw Chucks, Wheel Chucks, Chuck and Steady Rest Packages and Custom Engineered Workholding. Jay also has a longstanding relationship supporting and serving HAAS Machine Tool HFOs Globally, and previously owned and was CEO of HAAS HFO in Taiwan.

Shawn Luschei, Chief Operating Officer for Kitagawa NorthTech, adds, *"We are very excited about Jay Duerr joining KNI. We believe it was a rare opportunity to find someone of his caliber, knowledge and expertise available to help facilitate our growth initiatives. We believe this is a great opportunity to onboard and integrate LMC products and services into the KNI portfolio and enhance our ability to support our valued customers."*

In this new role as Director of New Business Development, Jay is responsible for developing new business for all standard products and engineered solutions and provide regional sales support for KNI's Indiana, Ohio and Michigan customers.

Jay currently resides in Indiana but will report to Kitagawa NorthTech's North American headquarters, manufacturing, repair and service facility located in Schaumburg, Illinois. For more information contact us at info@kitagawa-usa.com or visit Kitagawa-usa.com.



About Kitagawa North-Tech, Inc.

With over 70 years of Workholding experience, Kitagawa North-Tech offers the highest level of quality and versatility in custom design and manufacturing of high-performance Workholding, Chucks and Tooling solutions for CNC metal cutting machine tools. Kitagawa North-Tech offers a comprehensive range of Standard Chucks, Power Chucks and custom engineered Workholding and Tooling products such as Angle Heads for turning and milling applications. Please visit kitagawa-usa.com or email info@kitagawa-usa.com to learn more.

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