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BUHRKE INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES TWO KEY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Ken Wesseln was appointed President of Buhrke Industries LLC effective July 30, 2005 and Mr. Keith Krutz was promoted to Vice President of Operations. Mr. Wesseln served previously as Buhrke's Vice President of Sales and Mr. Krutz was Director of Tooling.

Buhrke Industries provides precision metal stampings and assemblies to customers in the automotive, appliance and electronics industries. The company has maintained an average annual growth rate over 12.5% for the past five years and is experiencing double that rate thus far in 2005. As part of the Innovative Manufacturing Solutions (IMS) group of companies Buhrke Industries has had the resources available to realize continued, sustained growth through investments in the latest technology supporting metal stamping operations.

Mr. Ken Wesseln, a part owner of Buhrke Industries prior to its acquisition by the IMS Companies LLC in 2004, is a graduate of Illinois State University with a BS degree in Manufacturing Technology. Ken joined Buhrke Industries in 1990 and has held various manufacturing and sales positions within the company. He also holds a Certificate for Tool & Die Making issued through the Tooling and Manufacturing Association (TMA). In 2003/04 Mr. Wesseln served as Chairman of the Precision Metalforming Association (PMA) Chicago District. He is 40 years old, married and the father of three children.

Mr. Keith Krutz has been with Buhrke Industries for five years working first as a Process Engineer before being promoted to Director of Tooling. Now, as Vice President of Operations, Mr. Krutz will be responsible for the integration of tooling and manufacturing processes company wide. Keith completed the TMA Tool & Die Apprenticeship program in 1983. He is 43 years old, married and the father of two.

Mr. Michael Chester, formerly President of Buhrke Industries, moves into the position of President of Buhrke's parent company, IMS Companies LLC. Mike will continue to maintain his office at the Buhrke Industries facilities in Arlington Heights.