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HK SYSTEMS APPOINTS MICHAEL GONZALEZ CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY 9, 2009 --- HK Systems, Inc. today announces the appointment of Michael L. Gonzalez to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Currently President and Chief Operating Officer, Gonzalez's enhanced responsibilities include development of comprehensive corporate vision and strategy for HK's continually expanding domestic and international business platforms, increasing profitability across the organization, driving corporate research and development supported by continuous improvement initiatives, and expanding and differentiating product and service offerings to revolutionize the industry. Effective immediately, Gonzalez will oversee sales and marketing management, manufacturing operations management, engineering management, project management, human resources, accounting services, and legal counsel. Gonzalez will also join the HK Systems Board of Directors.

John W. Splude will assume the position of Executive Chairman and will be responsible for the company's domestic and international acquisition strategy and growing HK Production Logistics, a new subsidiary providing turn-key integrated warehousing and order fulfillment management solutions for organizations experiencing supply chain complexity.

Commenting on the leadership transition, Splude stated, "I have known Mike Gonzalez for more than 15 years and since joining HK Systems as President and Chief Operating Officer, he has provided outstanding operational vision and guidance. On behalf of the HK Systems organization, we are excited to have him as our Chief Executive Officer."

Gonzalez brings more than 30 years of executive and industry experience to the organization, offering a strong background in domestic and international sales and marketing, strategic planning, engineering, project management, customer services, and continuous improvement initiatives. "I am excited to lead HK Systems toward our strategic vision of being a world leader in providing integrated supply chain solutions," stated Gonzalez. "We have a dedicated team, known for its creativity and execution excellence. With their support, we will continue to design, implement, and support premier industry solutions that enable our customers to achieve extraordinary business results."

About HK Systems

HK Systems is North America's most experienced automated material handling and supply chain software total solutions provider. The company's comprehensive product and service offerings include automated storage and retrieval systems, automated guided vehicles, conveyance, sortation, customer services, RFID solutions, and warehouse and transportation software systems.

Addressing the synchronized flow of material and information throughout a company's network, HK Systems develops, deploys, and maintains innovative solutions that improve customer service, reduce inventory and delivery time, and lower overall costs of manufacturing, distribution, and transportation.

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