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Nelson Named New Group VP for Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group

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Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group has named James A. Nelson as Vice President of Business Development for Supermarkets and Convenience Stores. The newly created position was developed to leverage Leggett's industry-leading brands and worldwide resources in this important market segment. Nelson will work out of the company's (location) office and report to Ron Murray, Senior Vice President of Global Business Development for Storage Products Group.

Nelson brings nearly thirty years of sales and marketing experience to the company. He comes to Leggett after a thirteen-year tenure at Stein Industries, where he held the position of Vice President with both the parent company and its Carlson AirFlo Division since 2000.

"We are very excited and very fortunate to have an executive with the leadership, abilities and track record of success that James brings to our business," said Murray. "His knowledge and experience in selling to the retail grocery sector is the perfect fit to help us realize our strategic vision for this segment and provide outstanding service to our customers."

Nelson's career has encompassed an impressive breadth of responsibilities and accomplishments, among which were: P&L responsibility; the development of a national/international manufacturer's representative network; recruitment, training and management of sales reps; product pricing and margin management; product development; key account management; and catalog design and development.

"This is a terrific opportunity and Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group is an outstanding company," said Nelson. "It offers a broad line of quality products, provides exceptional customer service and possesses unmatched worldwide resources. I look forward to contributing to the growth of the company and playing an important role in continuing its long history of success."

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About Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group

Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group is a leading provider of comprehensive storage solutions and material handling equipment. Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group consists of eight strategically aligned brands including: AMCO, ISS, LPI, Freestyle, Universal, KelMax, Gillis and Jarke. By bringing together the best names in the industry, Leggett & Platt Storage Products Group provides the broadest selection of storage, shelving, retail and material handling products. For more information, visit www.leggettspg.com.

About Leggett & Platt

Leggett & Platt (NYSE: LEG) is a *Fortune 500* diversified manufacturer that conceives, designs and produces a broad variety of engineered components and products that can be found in virtually every home, office, retail store, and automobile. The 124-year-old firm is composed of 29 business units, 33,000 employee-partners, and more than 300 facilities located in over 20 countries.

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