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VMA Elects Board of Directors

-Jamie Baisden of QMT Windchimes Elected Chairman-

NEWPORT NEWS, VA – Today the Virginia Manufacturers Association elected its Board of Directors at its 95th Annual Meeting in Newport News, Virginia. Jamie Baisden, CEO of QMT Windchimes in Manassas Park, was elected Chairman. Tanya Cook, Philip Morris USA in Richmond, was elected Vice Chairman; Larry Souverielle, General Dynamics in Marion, was elected Treasurer; Chris Tonk, O-I in Toano, was elected Secretary; Scott Tilley, Stihl Inc. in Virginia Beach, was elected Immediate Past Chairman; Rob Hogan, NNS in Newport News, was elected Past Chairman; and David Moore, Universal Leaf Corporation in Richmond, was elected Chairman Emeritus. Brett Vassey was elected Chief Executive Officer.

VMA's new Chairman, Jamie Baisden, stated today, "I'm honored to serve the Virginia Manufacturers Association and its members. I look forward to leading Virginia's premier industry association. Manufacturing Makes Virginia!"

Two new At-Large Directors were elected to the Board this year. Pat Patterson, CEO of ColorTree Group in Richmond, will serve a two-year term. Phil Wekenmann, Site Director of GE Automation & Controls in Charlottesville, will serve a one-year term.

"It's a privilege to work with such an incredible group of leaders. Their passion for manufacturing is inspiring," said Brett Vassey, President & CEO, Virginia Manufacturers Association.

Other Directors elected to the Board include:

- Jack Abato, Cadence
- Dr. Reinhold Brand, Retired Manufacturers Council
- Tamea Franco, Global Metal Finishing
- David Gum, National Fruit Product Company
- Sidney Harrison, ITAC
- Franky Marchand, Volvo Trucks

About the VMA

Since 1922 the Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA) has served as Industry's Advocate™ and our mission is to create the best business environment in the United States for world-class advanced technology businesses to manufacture and headquarter their companies for maximum productivity and profitability. As the only statewide association exclusively dedicated to manufacturers and their allies, the VMA is member-centric and has a professional staff dedicated to legislative and regulatory affairs, workforce development, member services, communications and business services. For more information about the VMA, including our mission and vision, awards and staff, please visit our website at www.vamanufacturers.com.