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Horton Employees Have New Roles

Horton has appointed two staff members as senior vice presidents and general managers of product lines in a move toward a more efficient, decentralized organization. Jeff Lindgren is now the senior vice president of sales and marketing and general manager of the Britton plant and fan drive product lines. Steve Wardleworth is now the senior vice president of operations and general manager of the Carmel, Ind., plant and fan and shroud product lines.

"This restructuring will move us toward greater ownership and profitability of business lines and plants," says Dave Adams, president and chief executive officer of Horton. "Jeff Lindgren and Steve Wardleworth have decades of experience between them, which will serve Horton's future well."

Jeff Lindgren has overseen Horton, Inc., sales, marketing, engineering, production, finance, IT and human resources functions. Lindgren has been with Horton for eight years, most recently as vice president of sales and marketing and, prior to that, director of aftermarket sales. Before joining Horton, he was director of sales for Holley Performance Products, Inc. (Bowling Green, Ky.), a leader in the worldwide performance engine market; and regional sales manager for BWD Automotive (Franklin Park, Ill.), part of Dana's Automotive Aftermarket Group and a distributor and marketer of replacement auto parts for foreign and domestic vehicles.

Steve Wardleworth joined Horton in 2005 and most recently was vice

president of manufacturing. He oversaw Horton manufacturing facilities around the world, corporate purchasing and lean six sigma initiatives. He has more than 30 years of experience in manufacturing and supply chain management. Previously, he was executive director, strategic procurement and manufacturing at McQuay International, a manufacturer of HVAC products. He also held senior positions in manufacturing and procurement management with Cummins Power Generation, a subsidiary of Cummins, Inc. Wardleworth was managing director of Cummins' power generation operations in Australia and the United Kingdom, where he oversaw construction of a \$27-million manufacturing facility.

Speech Contest Announced

South Dakota students can win \$2,300 in scholarships by participating in the 2009 Resource Conservation Speech Contest.

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of South Dakota, the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is seeking entrants for the 2009 Resource Conservation Speech Contest.

Any South Dakota student in grades 9-12 is eligible to compete for \$2,300 in scholarship money provided by East River and Rushmore Electric Power Cooperatives and South Dakota Rural Electric Association. Five winners will be selected at the state level with scholarships awarded to the top three finalists. The first place winner receives \$1,100; second place receives \$750; and third place receives \$450. Scholarship funds will be paid to any South Dakota college, university or accredited vocational technical school that is attended full-time.

The theme for the 2009 contest is "Clean Green Alternative Energy." Contestants will first participate in a local contest coordinated by their local conservation district. Stage two will be an area contest held at seven locations around the state. The last stage is the State Finals which will be held in Pierre on April 18, 2009.

If you are interested in more information, contact your local conservation district or Pam Bergstrom of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture at (605) 773.6690 or 1.800.228.5254 (toll-free in South Dakota). An entry form and complete list of rules can be found on the Resource Conservation and Forestry website at <http://www.state.sd.us/doa/forestry/educational-information/2009Speech-BrochureTouchstone.pdf>.

Public Offering For Dakota Wind

Dakota Wind Energy, LLC, a South Dakota community-owned wind development company, announces an intrastate public offering of its securities. This offering is only open to South Dakota resident landowners who grant wind-related rights to Dakota Wind Energy. Dakota Wind Energy plans to develop over 750 megawatts of community-owned wind farms in Roberts, Marshall and Day Counties in South Dakota.

All South Dakota landowners that reside within the project's footprint may receive ownership units in Dakota Wind Energy. Landowners who grant wind-related rights to Dakota Wind Energy can receive either a traditional cash payment, or units in Dakota Wind Energy through this offering.

The number of units offered to each resident landowner is dependent

on the amount of acres subject to the wind easement granted by the landowner. The wind easements secured through this offering will help Dakota Wind Energy develop up to 750 megawatts of wind projects.

All units will be sold directly to

local South Dakota investors without use of a broker-dealer or agent. Sales of securities will only be made after interested investors have received and reviewed a prospectus. Interested investors can obtain more information on this project at www.dakotawindenergy.com.

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