

## **Hastings Appoints Bob Kollar to Chief Executive Officer and President**

HASTINGS, MI--Hastings Manufacturing Company, LLC, a nearly 100-year-old global manufacturer of piston rings, announces the promotion of Robert M. Kollar to Chief Executive Officer and President and Frederick A. Cook Jr. to Chairman of the Board.

Robert 'Bob' Kollar has over 35 years of experience in the engineered products arena with six of those years at Hastings Manufacturing Company, LLC.

He has been Chief Operating Officer since March 2011, leading the Company to a record-breaking financial and operational year. Prior to being COO of Hastings, Kollar was managing director of Thomson Industries Inc. While at Thomson, Bob's Team won the prestigious General Motors Supplier of the Year Award three years in a row.

"We are currently focused on successful execution of our growth strategy and see the current environment as being favorable for expanding both our technological capabilities and product portfolio," said Cook. "I can think of no one more uniquely qualified to manage the operation and ensure the attainment of our strategic vision than Bob Kollar. I will continue to work with the Hastings management team, providing oversight and direction as needed."

Bob earned his BS in Management from Oakland University in Michigan and his MBA from St. Johns University in New York.

Bob and his wife Sandy reside in Hastings and Frankenmuth, Michigan. They have a son Rob, a certified public accountant based in Atlanta, and a daughter Sarah, a historical preservationist, based in Dearborn, Michigan.

Hastings Manufacturing Company, LLC designs and manufactures piston rings for the worldwide engine manufacturing and remanufacturing industries. Hastings holds TS16949 and ISO14001 registrations, and is an approved piston ring supplier to OEMs including those in aviation, compressors, agriculture, automotive, and other industries.

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