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NEWS RELEASE - SRG GLOBAL

## **Michael Lee named President of SRG Global®**

*Troy, Mich., April 19, 2022* – Michael (Mike) Lee has been named President of SRG Global®, a Guardian Industries company. SRG Global is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of high value coatings on plastic for the automotive and commercial truck industries. In his role, Mike will direct the company’s global business to advance the vision and culture and drive the strategy for long-term sustainable growth.

Mike takes over for Merritt Gaunt, who has been promoted to Executive Vice President, Guardian Industries, and retains overall responsibility for SRG Global. Mike was most recently Vice President, Commercial Excellence overseeing global sales, program management, marketing, and business development to make SRG Global a preferred partner for delivering commercial excellence.

“Mike was a key member of the SRG Global leadership team when we redefined the company vision in 2019. His contribution has been instrumental as we transformed our company in the face of unprecedented challenges. With this transition, I expect that our transformation will not only continue, but accelerate as we work to ensure we have the capabilities we need to create value for our customers. I am thrilled to continue to work directly with Mike and support him on this exciting journey,” said Merritt Gaunt, Executive Vice President, Guardian Industries.

Mike has over 20 years of financial planning, management, contract negotiation, and sales experience. Before joining SRG Global, Mike was Vice President of Global Strategy and Business Planning at Metalsa Structural Products, where he was accountable for developing and deploying business strategies, business operations, risk management, M&A, and business model innovation.

Mike began his career at Ford Motor Company, gaining experience in engineering, marketing, program management, product planning, and strategy roles. He next served as General Manager at Webasto Product North America, overseeing business operations for two manufacturing and multi-tier distribution divisions. Mike’s management expertise led him to Norgren, where he was Vice President & General Manager for the Commercial Vehicle sector. He then served as Director of Global Sales, Strategy and Planning for TRW as the sales, planning and strategy leader for their commercial vehicle steering business unit.

Mike earned a Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and a Master's degree from the University of Illinois, both in Mechanical Engineering. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

For further information about SRG Global®, visit [www.srgglobal.com](http://www.srgglobal.com).

#### **About SRG Global®**

SRG Global®, a Guardian company, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of high value coatings on plastic for the automotive and commercial truck industries with a manufacturing presence in major world regions including North America, Western and Central Europe and Asia. SRG Global is headquartered in Troy, Mich., USA. Through its Research and Development Center in Taylor, Mich, USA, and its global advanced development process, SRG Global works to enhance manufacturing processes and accelerates development and delivery of the next generation of coating technologies and subsystems. SRG Global engineers solutions for greater surface durability, structural integrity, enhanced functionality, vehicle efficiency and design flexibility. The result is the development of innovative exterior and interior products and processes that create value for customers and consumers and a positive impact in our environment and society. Beyond the finish™.

#### **About Guardian Industries**

Guardian Industries, a global company headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, operates facilities throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Guardian companies employ 14,000 people and manufacture high-performance float glass; coated and fabricated glass products for architectural, residential, interior, transportation and technical glass applications; and high-quality chrome-plated and painted plastic components for the automotive and commercial truck industries. Guardian's vision is to be a preferred partner to our customers, suppliers, employees and communities based on a foundation of mutual benefit. This drives our relentless focus on improving people's lives by providing products and services they value more highly than their alternatives and doing so responsibly while consuming fewer resources. Guardian is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc.

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