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BEKUM AMERICA PROMOTES JOE SLENK TO DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Williamston, MI – Joe Slenk has been promoted to Director of Product Development and Training at Bekum America. In his new role, Joe will take on an expanded scope of responsibilities, with an increased emphasis on managing and developing training initiatives.

Joe has spent 20 years at Bekum America in a variety of roles, including Sales Engineer, Applications Engineer, and Applications Manager. His B.S. in Plastics Engineering Technology from Ferris State University (Class of 2007) provides an excellent foundation for leading Bekum's Applications Department and Product Development activities. Recognizing the importance of blow molding training for both our customers and employees, Joe's new role will also include managing future training activities, both in-house and in the field. His unique combination of education, experience, and communication skills positions him well for success in this expanded role.

Joe is a recognized expert in extrusion blow molding, bringing years of hands-on experience, including leading Bekum's process development in the extrusion blow molding of #1 recyclable PET. He is also a frequent contributor to the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Annual Blow Molding Conference, where he presents on Shuttle Blow Molding 101. Most recently, Joe was elected to the Board of Directors of the SPE Blow Molding Division. He also continues to serve on the advisory committee for the Plastics Engineering Technology program at Ferris State University.

"I am excited to begin another chapter of my Bekum America career as the Director of Product Development and Training," said Joe Slenk. "It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such a talented group of professionals. We are not just colleagues; we are each other's support system and most trusted advisors. I look forward to serving in this capacity for many years to come."

Join us in congratulating Joe on this well-deserved promotion!

BEKUM America was established in 1979 with the mission to introduce top quality blow molding machinery, designed to produce plastic bottles, containers and other large plastic parts in the North American marketplace, via blending German design and technology with American skill and ingenuity. Bekum's customer base includes large multi-national customers, as well as owner/operator plastic bottle manufacturers.

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