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Stephen R. Crowley Named Chief Executive Officer of VIPAR Heavy Duty, Inc.

Crystal Lake, IL – February 10, 2004 - Stephen R. Crowley has been named Chief Executive Officer of VIPAR Heavy Duty by its' Board of Directors. Mr. Crowley joined the company as Executive Vice President in September 2000, was named President in October 2002, and will now serve as President and CEO. Mr. Crowley will lead all corporate functions for the organization from the Crystal Lake, Illinois office.

“I am honored by the continued confidence the Board of Directors has bestowed in me,” said Crowley, “I look forward to continued success within our organization by driving future growth and value to all stakeholders.”

“This appointment more closely aligns our executive management structure with the growing demands of our organization,” commented Peter Pasdach, Chairman of the Board for VIPAR Heavy Duty and president of Midway Truck Parts. “The board looks forward to continuing to support Steve in his expanded role.”

VIPAR Heavy Duty is North America's leading network of aftermarket truck parts wholesale distributors with over 500 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. VIPAR Heavy Duty Distributors are specialists who understand the demands of their local, regional, and national customers for quality parts and exceptional service.

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