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JTEKT Names New North America Leader

GREENVILLE, S.C., SEPTEMBER 28, 2021—JTEKT North America (JNA), a leading global supplier of automotive steering systems, driveline components, and bearings technologies, has announced that Gary Bourque has been elevated to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer after leading the organization’s Bearing business unit for the past five years.

JNA’s COO serves as the leader for the North American region and reports to the President & Chief Executive Officer, a position held by Kieta Mizuno. Mr. Bourque’s new position was effective September 15.

“I’m confident in Gary’s ability to lead as COO,” said Mr. Mizuno. “Gary’s understanding of the industry and his in-depth knowledge of the operations of our organization position him very well for this role, while his natural leadership abilities will motivate and inspire our team of nearly 5000 North American associates.”

Mr. Bourque, an electrical engineering graduate with an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has more than 32 years of experience with what is now JNA, with extensive senior management experience within sales, manufacturing, and business development functions. During his most recent role as VP of Bearings, Mr. Bourque was responsible for the P&L for the business unit, as well as the management of the Engineering, Business Management, and Innovation functions. He will continue to oversee the Bearings business unit in addition to his new role as COO.

“Being part of this organization for three decades is humbling on its own, but this opportunity to lead JNA during such a pivotal time in our industry is an honor,” said Gary Bourque. “We will remain focused on safety, quality and delivery, always, while also collaborating with our global partners to develop new products that capitalize on our manufacturing capabilities to meet future customer demands.”

About JTEKT North America

JTEKT North America, the North American division of JTEKT Corporation, is a global supplier of automotive steering systems and driveline components, bearings, and machine tools. JTEKT is a powerhouse in the automotive steering systems industry equipping one in nearly four cars in the U.S. with a steering system. JTEKT also supplies the automotive, industrial and aerospace markets under the brands of JTEKT®, Koyo® bearings, Torsen® high-performance differentials, and Toyoda® precision machine tools. Headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, JTEKT North America employs nearly 5000 associates in 22 facilities, including 13 manufacturing sites, across North America. For more information, visit www.jtekt-na.com

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