



Contacts: T. Hauser
Weber Shandwick
312/988-2172
thauser@webershandwick.com

- OR -

Christopher Boniface
Ace Hardware Corporation
630/990-6756
cboni@acehardware.com

CALAMARI REJOINS ACE HARDWARE AS VICE PRESIDENT AND NICHOLS PROMOTED TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

OAK BROOK, Ill. (June 11, 2008) – After an eight-year period at Ace Hardware between 1990-1998, Kane Calamari, 41, rejoins Ace Hardware Corporation as vice president, retail operations. And Ken Nichols, 59, was promoted to senior vice president, retail operations, formerly vice president. Both Calamari and Nichols are based at Ace’s Oak Brook, Ill. headquarters.

Calamari, whom resides in Libertyville, Ill., oversees the Field Operations team consisting of regional and district managers; the Field New Business team comprised of market development managers; the Paint Field team and the Oak Brook-based operations administration staff.

He was most recently senior vice president of sales for North America at Robert Bosch Tool Corporation. While at Ace, he held various positions, including retail marketing manager.

Calamari holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Business Administration from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Kane back to Ace and to promote Ken,” said Ace’s President and CEO Ray Griffith. “This new alignment of our retail operations team will further help us support our stores and continue to drive success at retail.”

Nichols originally joined Ace in 1978 and was named vice president, retail operations in 2000. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York.

About Ace Hardware

Throughout its 80-year history, Ace Hardware has been known as the helpful hardware store by both customers and communities. With 4,600 hardware, home center and building materials stores that generate annual retail sales of more than \$12 billion, Ace Hardware is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the industry. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace currently operates 14 distribution centers in the U.S. and its retailers’ stores are located in all 50 states and 60 countries. More information about Ace can be found at www.acehardware.com.