

Smyth Companies, Inc. names VP of Continuous Improvement

ST. PAUL, MN - June 26, 2009 /For immediate release/—Smyth Companies has hired David Buchholz to fill the company's newly created position of Vice President-Continuous Improvement. Smyth has long embraced process improvement as the way to improved quality, productivity and profitability. The company's latest process improvement mission is to continue the implementation of Lean manufacturing practices. Buchholz will now lead this effort, as well as other process improvement initiatives. "We recognized that we needed a corporate champion in order to continue on our path of continuous improvement, as well as sustaining those improvements that have already been made," said Jim Lundquist, President of Smyth. "David will bring a wealth of valuable experience and expertise to the effort."



Buchholz

In addition to his duties surrounding continuous improvement, Buchholz will be leading Smyth's corporate efforts in safety, environmental protection, employee training, talent acquisition and new business integration.

Buchholz has previously held executive positions at Topflight Corporation, Moore Corporation, Kimberly Clark and Avery Dennison. During his tenure with these firms, operations leadership, process improvement and employee skill development were his primary mission.

###