

FurnitureBrands

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FURNITURE BRANDS INTERNATIONAL NAMES RAYMOND JOHNSON AS SUPPLY CHAIN LEADER

St. Louis, Missouri, February 2, 2009 -- Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN) announced today that Raymond J. Johnson has joined the company as Senior Vice President of Global Supply Chain. Mr. Johnson was previously President, Global Manufacturing and Supply Chain for Newell Rubbermaid (NYSE: NWL). In his new role, Mr. Johnson will have primary responsibility for all of Furniture Brands' supply chain functions to include manufacturing, engineering, sourcing, procurement, and logistics.

"Ray Johnson is an outstanding addition to Furniture Brands' executive leadership team," said Ralph P. Scozzafava, chairman and chief executive officer. "Our ability to effectively source raw materials and deliver finished products on a global scale is a key differentiator between Furniture Brands and many of our smaller competitors. Ray's leadership qualities and experience at leading corporations with all facets of the manufacturing process will be a valuable resource to our company."

Mr. Johnson brings nearly 30 years of operational excellence experience including Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing and Total Quality Management. Prior to joining Newell Rubbermaid, Mr. Johnson held executive and operational positions at Eaton Corporation, True Temper Sports, Bic Pen Corporation and Black & Decker. Mr. Johnson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina.

About Furniture Brands

Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN) is a vertically integrated operating company that is one of the nation's leading designers, manufacturers, and retailers of home furnishings. It markets through a wide range of retail channels, from mass merchant stores to single-brand and independent dealers to specialized interior designers. Furniture Brands serves its customers through some of the best known and most respected brands in the furniture industry, including *Broyhill, Lane, Thomasville, Drexel Heritage, Henredon, Pearson, Hickory Chair, Laneventure, and Maitland-Smith.*