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Tom Salpietra Appointed President & COO of EYE Lighting

Leading Ohio-based Manufacturer of Lamps Points To Salpietra's International Experience

Mentor, Ohio. August 28, 2009. Eye Lighting International of North America today named Tom Salpietra President and Chief Operating Officer. Salpietra will be based at EYE Lighting headquarters and manufacturing operations near Cleveland, Ohio.



Prior to joining EYE Lighting, Salpietra held senior executive positions with Cooper Industries and Acuity Brands Lighting. As Vice President-International Business for Cooper, Salpietra successfully developed and implemented the international business strategy for one of the company's largest divisions. During his tenure with Acuity Brands Lighting, he served as Director, Worldwide International Sales for the Holophane Division; Vice President, International Sales and Marketing for the Lithonia Lighting Division; and Vice President and General Manager for the Antique Street Lamps (ASL) Division. With ASL, Salpietra turned around an under-performing operation into a highly successful business unit.

"EYE Lighting is poised to accelerate its profitable growth," commented Tsuneo Kobayashi, Chairman and CEO of EYE Lighting International of North America. "Tom's domestic and international experience, and record of success, will allow EYE to continue to introduce new products at a record pace and realize share gain in target markets."

"I am quite pleased to join a strong EYE Lighting team," said Salpietra. "For some time now, I have admired EYE's technology and quality leadership in HID and specialty lamps. We are on track to become a great business, and I am looking forward to leading a fine organization."

Tom Salpietra holds a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Youngstown State University, and an M.B. A. from Kent State University. He has done post-graduate work in sales and marketing at the University of Virginia Colgate-Darden Graduate School of Business. He and his wife have three adult children. The couple will be relocating to Ohio.