

# SUPPLIER'S MARKETPLACE

## SUPPLIER NEWS

**Orbis Corp.**, Oconomowoc, Wis., acquired **Linpac Group Ltd.**, a material handling business with facilities in Georgetown and Bardstown, Ky., and sales, engineering and testing capabilities in Shanghai, China.

**Hammer Packaging**, Rochester, N.Y., was named the Best Workplace in the Americas 2006 by Printing Industries of America/Graphic Arts Technical Foundation for exemplary human resources practices in the graphic communications industry.

**General Motors'** commercial van division, based in Detroit, announced Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana are now included in the 100,000-mile/five-year powertrain warranty.

**Sidel Group**, Norcross, Ga., extended its 24/7 technical assistance hotline to include service to Europe, Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

**Trimble Navigation Ltd.**, Sunnyvale, Calif., agreed to acquire **@Road Inc.**, Fremont, Calif.

**Flowserve Corp.**, Dallas, opened new administrative headquarters in Essen, Germany. The headquarters will serve its Flow Solutions Europe, Middle East and Africa operations.

The merger between **Thermo Electron Corp.** and **Fisher Scientific International Inc.** has been completed and the company will be known as **Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.**, based in Waltham, Mass.

**3M**, St. Paul, Minn., acquired **Biotrace International**, Bridgend, England, a manufacturer and supplier of industrial microbiology products used in food processing safety.



### Can covers


**Pak Tech** designed new handles for cans with a completely covered top to ensure a clean top. The injection-molded tops cover the cans with a thin layer of HDPE plastic. Many handle styles, including four- and six-packs, are available. — **Pak Tech**, 1680 Irving Road, Eugene, Ore. 97402; 541/461-5000; [paktech-opi.com](http://paktech-opi.com).




### Glide system for shelves

**RTC** introduced the **BevTrac Shelf Management System** for cold vaults and coolers. The glide system consists of clear fronted retainers with spring-driven paddles that face the product forward. **BevTrac** also con-

### UV graphic bottles



**CCL Container** announced it is the supplier of a new aluminum bottle for **Presidente**, a premium beer brand in the Dominican Republic. The new 16-ounce aluminum bottle is part of a new lifestyle introduction by the brand. Aimed at young adults, the bottle includes UV graphics called "U-Glow" by the Dominican National Brewing Co., the maker of **Presidente**. The company is marketing the new bottle in the media as well as black light parties at nightclubs to showcase the UV graphics on the bottle. **Presidente** is one of many beer brands to choose **CCL Container's** aluminum bottles, which are unbreakable, chill quickly and some tests show stay colder longer, the company says. **CCL's** aluminum options also are made from a pure alloy and are 100 percent recyclable. — **CCL Container**, One Llodio Drive, Hermitage, Pa. 16148; 724/981-4420; [cclcontainer.com](http://cclcontainer.com).



nects tray to tray, works on flat shelves, improves access to products and comes with a two-year warranty on the spring action. Six sizes, accommodating 8.4-ounce to 2-liter packages, will be available from **RTC** in February. — **RTC**, 2800 Golf Road, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 60008; 847/640-2400; [rtc.com](http://rtc.com).

### Blower technologies

**Hitachi America Ltd.'s** Industrial Systems Division introduced

**Vortex Blower Technologies** to North America. Now available are the **E-Series High Capacity** and **G-Series High Pressure Vortex Blower** lines. Both have flexible applications for air discharge and suction, low sound levels, oil-less design and patented three-dimension impeller to provide high discharge pressure. — **Hitachi America Ltd.**, 50 Prospect Avenue, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591; 914/524-6645; [hitachi.us](http://hitachi.us).

## PEOPLE

**Magline Inc.**, Pinconning, Mich., appointed **James Curtin** region sales manager for the Midwest.

**Ozburn-Hessey Logistics**, Brentwood, Tenn., named **Bob Spieth** president of contract logistics.

**Graham Packaging Holdings Co.**, York, Pa., named **Warren D. Knowlton** chief executive officer and member of the board of directors. **Knowlton** replaces **Philip R. Yates** who is retiring, but will remain chairman of the board.

**Saddle Creek Corp.** expanded its management teams in Atlanta and its Lakeland, Fla., headquarters. **Robert Pericht** was named senior vice president of warehouse operations and **Doug Johnston** was appointed vice president and general manager of the campus for the Atlanta office. In Lakeland, **Tom Patterson** was promoted to senior vice president of warehouse opera-

tions and **Butch Riggelman** to vice president and general manager of the Lakeland campus warehouse operations.

**Schenck Co.**, Orlando, Fla., appointed **Kelley P. Mossburg** president and corporate general manager of its Orlando business.

**Hartness International**, Greenville, S.C., re-aligned its North American sales team and named **Keith Cooper** director of sales for the Northeastern United States, Canada and the Caribbean; **Erin Boles**, director of sales for the Southern United States; **Jim Soenke**, director of sales for the Western United States; **Tony Elrod**, director of technical sales; and **Scott Smith**, vice president of sales and marketing.

**Eqos Inc.**, Burlington, Mass., appointed **Joseph E. Laughlin** to its board of directors.