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Blommer appoints new COO to lead strategic growth

(December 20, 2021) Chicago, IL – Blommer Chocolate is pleased to announce a few new organizational changes to better serve our customers. **David Meggs** will move into the Chief Operating Officer role,



leading the commercial team (Sales, Marketing, R&D, Supply Chain) in addition to Operations of our four North American production facilities. This move will allow us to more closely align our commercial growth strategy with the supply side of the business. David joined Blommer in 2017 and has an extensive background in the food industry in various sales, business development, and engineering roles.



As part of this change, we are promoting **Colleen Ness** to VP Sales & Marketing. Colleen also joined in 2017 and brings a strong background of leadership roles in sales and customer focused activities. Until recently, Colleen has served as Director of Sales for the Midwest region in addition to leading our marketing activities. We will be hiring Colleen’s replacement in the Midwest as she takes on a larger role.



Lastly, we have promoted **Melissa Tisoncik** to VP of Research & Development & QA. Melissa has over 10 years of experience within Blommer and is a wealth of information for all things chocolate. Melissa will now take on responsibility for our Quality Assurance and Regulatory activities within the company.

We are excited about these changes as we focus on executing our growth strategy. Please join us in congratulating David, Colleen, and Melissa in their new roles within Blommer.

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Blommer Chocolate Company is the largest cocoa processor and ingredient chocolate supplier in North America. With more than 900 employees and five strategically located manufacturing facilities in North America and China, the company provides comprehensive business solutions for domestic and international customers of all sizes in the confectionery, baking and dairy industries. Among Blommer’s core competencies are cocoa bean processing, chocolate manufacturing, commodity risk management, and product and process R&D. The company is a leader in advancing sustainable cocoa farming as a

founding member of the World Cocoa Foundation, a member of the Cocoa Action sustainability initiative, and through its privately managed farmer programs in Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia and Ecuador. Founded in 1939, the family-owned and operated company maintains an outstanding reputation for customer service and quality. For more information about Blommer Chocolate Company, please visit www.blommer.com