

KEVIN KWILINSKI JOINS PORTOLA PACKAGING AS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BATAVIA, IL May 11, 2009 – Portola Packaging, Inc. announced that Kevin Kwilinski has been hired as its President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Kwilinski comes to Portola from a 10 year career with Graphic Packaging International, a \$4.5 Billion global paperboard packaging company, where he served in numerous professional leadership roles, including most recently as the Senior Vice President- Supply Chain. In addition, to his most recent position with Graphic, he has also served as Director, Shared Services and Director of Sales and Manufacturing in Graphic Packaging's Global Beverage Unit. Kevin has also held the position of Plant Manager in several of Graphic's converting operations across multiple operating divisions.

Mr. Kwilinski received a bachelor's degree in Physics and Mathematics from Greenville College and holds a master's degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan. He is also a certified Six Sigma Champion.

ABOUT PORTOLA PACKAGING, INC.

Portola Packaging is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of tamper-evident plastic closures used in dairy, fruit juice, bottled water, sport drinks, institutional food and other non-carbonated beverage markets. The Company also produces a wide variety of plastic bottles for use in dairy, water and juice markets, including various high density bottles, as well as five-gallon polycarbonate water bottles. In addition, the Company designs, manufactures and markets capping equipment for use in high speed bottling, filling and packaging production lines. Portola is also engaged in the manufacture and sale of tooling and molds used for blow molding. For more information about Portola Packaging, Inc., visit the Company's web site at www.portpack.com.

ABOUT PORTOLA TECH INTERNATIONAL

Portola Tech International, Inc. ("PTI") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Portola and is a leading manufacturer, marketer and designer of plastic packaging components for the cosmetic, fragrance and toiletries markets. PTI's capabilities include injection and compression molding, thermal and ultraviolet metallizing, ultraviolet one-coat spray technologies, silk screening, hot stamping, lining and multiple component assembly. In addition to offering the largest stock line closures in the industry, with over 450 styles and sizes, PTI has a complimentary line of heavy-wall PETG and polypropylene jars. For more information about PTI, visit PTI's web site at www.techindustries.com.

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