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### **Rob Moe assumes the role as President & CEO of Sphere 1**

**Irvine, CA. (January 8, 2019)** – Sphere 1 is pleased to announce that Rob Moe is now President & CEO effective January 1, 2019.

Prior to joining Sphere 1 as Senior Vice President in 2015, then President in 2018, Rob Moe has been in the construction industry since 1983. His extensive background in both distribution and manufacturing in the tool, fastener, and concrete product offering space has included experience with Duo Fast, Allied Fastener and Tools, Powers Fasteners and Lackmond Products.

“Leading Sphere 1 is something I have aspired to do for a long time,” says Rob Moe. “It is a true honor for me to be a part of helping both Member Owners and our Preferred Suppliers forge ahead in the construction supply industry. We are only getting started!”

“I couldn’t be more pleased to see Rob assuming the role of President and CEO of Sphere 1,” remarks George Morgan, Board Chairman of Sphere 1. “Three years ago, he came to us with many years of industry experience, but very little insight into the cooperative world. But what a fast study he has been! Not only did he bring enthusiasm and passion to his new role, but he continues to bring a unique perspective, understanding both the concerns of the distributor and those of our manufacturers as well. We are very fortunate to have someone of Rob’s caliber to fill the shoes of our outstanding founding CEO [Carol Shackelford], and I couldn’t be more excited to see what the future holds under Rob’s leadership.”

Sphere 1’s former CEO, Carol Shackelford, has retired and is now consulting for Sphere 1. This February will mark 20 years since the idea to form Sphere 1 came to light when an industry cooperative veteran approached Carol about starting a new cooperative. The founding board members then came together to launch Sphere 1. “In looking back, it was a true act of courage and commitment by these seven individuals with a clear vision for a successful organization that would bring value to our distributor-members and preferred supplier-partners,” says Carol.

Sphere 1 is a cooperative of tool, fastener, and concrete accessory distributors, working together to achieve competitive and sustainable advantages in our marketplace. By partnering with preferred suppliers, we provide our members with enhanced vendor programs, superior education and innovative practices. While fostering community among our peers, we are committed to integrity, honesty and respect in all that we do. For more information, contact Sharon Bounvongxay at 949-932-3600 or visit [www.sphere1.coop](http://www.sphere1.coop).

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