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Toro Appoints Four to Vice President

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (December 16, 2008) – The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) recently announced the appointment of four individuals to vice president.

Michael Happe, who has served as general manager of Toro’s commercial business since 2007, was named **vice president, commercial**. Happe manages the company’s commercial equipment business for the golf and sports fields and grounds markets in the U.S. He joined Toro in 1996 as associate marketing manager in consumer, and has since held marketing and sales positions in consumer and international.

Darren Redetzke, who has served as general manager of the company’s international business since 2007, was named **vice president, international**. Redetzke manages the company’s international business, which serves both the professional and residential markets in more than 140 countries. Redetzke joined Toro in 1988 and has held roles in engineering, sales and marketing, and has been a key leader within the international business during the last 10 years.

Blake Grams, managing director, corporate controller, has been named **vice president, corporate controller**. Grams spent nine years with KPMG, LLP before joining Toro in 1998. He has since held several management roles within corporate finance.

Tom Larson, treasurer, has been named **vice president, treasurer**. Larson started with Toro in 1981 and has held positions in corporate and division finance. Over the last 10 years, he has served in several treasury-related roles.

“As we continue to seek innovative and aggressive approaches to grow our business even in challenging times, we must also focus our efforts on building strong leaders to create and capitalize on those opportunities,” said

Michael J. Hoffman, Toro's chairman and chief executive officer. "They each possess the skills and experiences to drive our business forward and strengthen our competitive position."

About The Toro Company

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of turf and landscape maintenance equipment, and precision irrigation systems. With sales of nearly \$1.9 billion in fiscal 2008, Toro's global presence extends to more than 140 countries through its reputation of world-class service, innovation and turf expertise. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands to help customers care for golf courses, sports fields, public green spaces, commercial and residential properties, and agricultural fields. More information is available at www.thetorocompany.com.

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