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Press Release

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Neal Johnston joins the Arc International Executive Committee as Senior Vice-President Supply Chain

Neal Johnston has been appointed as Senior Vice-President Supply Chain and has joined Arc International's Executive Committee.



Neal joined the Arc International Group in February 2006 as Vice-President Supply Chain AINA (Arc International North America) where he re-engineered the Supply Chain in order to reduce costs, optimise inventory levels, improve customer service levels and prepare the divestiture of the Group's Mikasa Subsidiary

In September 2007, he became Vice-President Supply Chain for Europe. Along with re-engineering the European Supply Chain, Neal actively contributed to Arc International's Transformation Programme, a five-year plan, launched in 2007, involving the reorganisation of the Group's processes with the aim of boosting competitiveness while reducing costs.

In his new role on the ARC International Executive Committee, Neal will be focused on optimising our Global Supply Chain and ensuring its strategy and performance are in line with our Groups' Strategic.

An Irish national, born in Belfast and educated in Dublin, Neal graduated from the University of Central England and Harvard. Prior to joining ARC International, he previously worked as a plant manager and also as Supply Chain Strategy consultant for a number of major strategy consultancy companies.

Guillaume de Fougères, Chairman & CEO Arc International stated: "I am delighted to announce Neal's appointment. The integration of the Supply Chain in the Group's Executive Board is a major step forward for us, aimed at guaranteeing even closer cooperation between the various operational functions such as Manufacturing. In this new position, Neal will be responsible for the development and implementation of the Group's overall Supply Chain strategy, which is a key factor in guaranteeing both our competitiveness and the service quality we provide to our customers".

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About Arc International, l'Art de la Table* 1825

Arc International employs 13 000 people worldwide including 9000 in France. The group, whose head office is located in Arques, in the French Pas-de-Calais region, achieved a turnover of 1.2 billion Euros in 2008. Armed with its know how in glassware, it developed globally and diversified its activities through the integration of materials other than glass. Today, it markets a full range of tableware products in more than 160 countries.

The Group covers the Consumer Goods and Food Service markets through a portfolio of brands, Luminarc®, Arcoroc®, Cristal d'Arques® Paris, Pyrex®¹ and Chef & Sommelier. For more than 40 years the Group has also been addressing professional customers – industrialists, traders, manufacturers of semi-finished and finished products, and service providers – by offering them tailored-made solutions to meet their specific requirements (for industry, advertising, premiums and customer loyalty programmes).

Arc International is present in five continents with production sites (France, Spain, USA, China, UAE), distribution subsidiaries (France, US, UK, Spain, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Japan) and sales offices.

Finally, the Group has adopted a strategy of sustainable development in order to balance economic requirements, social responsibility and respect for the environment, and joined the U.N.'s Global Compact in 2003.

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