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**Michael D. Miller Appointed CEO  
of APE Companies, LLC**

***New CEO brings strong executive experience and a history of successful growth.***

Pasadena, TX (April 17, 2018) – APE Companies LLC, along with its subsidiaries Abrasive Products & Equipment LLC, BKW Environmental LLC, and Corrosion Specialties Inc. (together, “APE”), announces the appointment of Michael (“Mike”) D. Miller as their new CEO to replace outgoing CEO, Kevin Willis. The change is effective on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Mike Miller brings three decades of experience with leading multi-nationals such as BP, Castrol, PepsiCo, and Ford. His most recent role was as CEO of Western Marketing, Inc., a Texas-based petroleum distributor of branded lubricants and diesel exhaust fluid operating in seven states. Under his leadership the company earned Chevron’s *Eagle Award*, its highest honor for their distributors, in three consecutive years.

Previously, he was president and chief operating officer of Blue Sun Energy, a manufacturer and marketer of branded fuels in the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest. Before joining Blue Sun, he spent a decade overseas leading large, cross-functional petroleum teams in complex cultures and demanding environments.

Mr. Miller holds a M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School and a B.S. in Business Administration from Northeastern University. He has already relocated to the Houston area where he will work out of APE’s corporate offices in Pasadena, TX. Mike is a passionate fly fisherman who has fished extensively on three continents and enjoys preparing a variety of ethnic cuisines for family, friends, and colleagues.

“I’m delighted to join the talented team at APE Companies and look forward to building upon our reputation as the leading supplier of abrasive products, blasting media, safety items and industrial supplies,” said Mike. “Our strategy of providing top-quality products and equipment, combined with exceptional customer service/support, remains our top priority. This single-minded focus ensures we’re well positioned to meet the expanding needs of customers throughout our service area.”

For nearly 20 years APE has been a leader in providing abrasive products, especially garnet and equipment, to fill the surface preparation needs of its customers. During its history APE has opened new locations and, through acquisitions, further expanded its locations and offering to include safety products, industrial supplies, environmental remediation, and disaster response. APE also maintains and rents a large fleet of surface preparation equipment. The company and its subsidiaries currently operate in 11 locations in TX, LA, AL, GA, FL, and PA serving customers in the surrounding regions and nationwide. Further information on APE Companies is accessible at [www.apecompanies.com](http://www.apecompanies.com).