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**Jim Littich Joins Maxon Furniture Inc. as Vice President of Operations**

Renton, WA (April 16, 2007) — Maxon Furniture Inc. today named Jim Littich as Vice President of Operations, effective immediately. Jim will lead the development and implementation of manufacturing, sourcing, supply chain, distribution and product engineering strategies. Reporting directly to Maxon Furniture President Jean Reynolds, Jim is accountable for the execution of the Maxon brand promise of superior quality, reliable delivery and outstanding customer value.

Jim joins Maxon Furniture from The HON Company, a sister operating company of HNI Corporation. During his seven years with The HON Company, Jim served in various executive capacities, most recently as the Vice President of Manufacturing – Metal Casegoods and Systems. Jim also held executive positions in the laminate and wood casegoods divisions while at The HON Company.

“Jim brings a wealth of industrial management expertise to Maxon,” said Jean Reynolds. “His experience and understanding of our core manufacturing processes is a valuable addition to our executive management team, and we look forward to the impact of his leadership across the company.”

Prior to joining The HON Company, Jim held general manager and plant manager positions as well as manufacturing and industrial engineering roles in Tier 1 automotive and general industrial companies including Freudenberg-NOK, LORD Corporation and Borg-Warner Corporation. He holds a BS degree in Industrial Technology from Western Illinois University. His office will be located at the Maxon manufacturing plant in Salisbury, NC.

**About Maxon Furniture Inc.**

Maxon Furniture Inc. is a premier office furniture maker and provider of innovative, leading-edge workspace planning tools and services. The company offers a full range of quality, easy-to-install-and-reconfigure panel systems, freestanding furniture, and seating products to help organizations quickly and easily find the right workspace solution to fit their budget. Maxon Furniture offers a unique go-to-market strategy to partner with dealers, engage new customers, and offer streamlined, reliable purchase, delivery and installation processes. Headquartered in Renton, WA, Maxon Furniture's manufacturing plant is located in Salisbury, NC. Maxon Furniture has been an operating company of HNI Corporation since 1986. For more information, visit [www.maxonfurniture.com](http://www.maxonfurniture.com).

**About HNI Corporation**

Maxon Furniture is an operating company of HNI Corporation, the second-largest office furniture manufacturer in North America. In 2006, *Fortune* magazine recognized the Corporation as one of America's Most Admired Companies in the furniture industry; and for the eighth consecutive year, *Forbes* magazine named HNI Corporation one of the 400 Best Big Companies in America. Also in 2006, and for the fourth consecutive year, *IndustryWeek* recognized the Corporation as one of the 50 Best US Manufacturers. HNI Corporation's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol HNI.

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