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M. A. SILVA USA HIRES KEVIN HERNANDEZ AS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Santa Rosa, CA, May 4, 2018 – M. A. Silva USA, the leading manufacturer of premium corks, glass and packaging in Sonoma County, announced the addition of Kevin Hernandez as Operations Director.

Kevin has an extensive background in senior operational leadership including plant manager roles experience in large, continuous operations as well as quality centric, highly regulated businesses like Nutiva and Tyson Foods. In this new position, Kevin will lead the Quality and Manufacturing Departments driving continuous improvement and production efficiency.



“I am delighted that Kevin has joined our company. He will be a strong addition to our seasoned, highly experienced leadership team,” said Neil Foster, President of M. A. Silva USA. “He brings a breadth of experience in lean manufacturing and processes to further improve our quality and maximize customer satisfaction.”

Kevin holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the Robert Morris University in Chicago and an MBA from Medaille College in Buffalo, NY. In his free time he loves to watch and play golf, softball, football and basketball.

Kevin can be contacted via e-mail at khernandez@masilva.com or phone at 707.508.3302.

About M. A. Silva USA: Based in Sonoma County, California, M. A. Silva USA is a leading manufacturer of premium natural corks, glass and packaging for North American markets. Its quality-assurance program ensures unmatched visual, mechanical and sensory characteristics of its products. The company operates on solar power and is committed to sustainability and

eco-friendly operations. M. A. Silva earned both **Sonoma Green Business Program** and **ClimateSmart™** certifications and received the **Excellence Award for Sustainable Manufacturing** by *Trade Monthly Magazine*. The company has been named **Best Cork Supplier 2013, 2015 & 2016, Best Glass Supplier 2016** and **2016 North Bay Maker** by the *North Bay Business Journal*, **Best Cork Supplier 2013, 2015, 2016 & 2017** and **Best Bottle Supplier 2013 & 2015** by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine and **2017 Best Cork & Bottle Supplier** by *Trade Monthly Magazine*. It is part of the **2017 Inc. 5000 List** of the fastest-growing, privately held companies in the United States and a seven-time winner of the *North Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work*. For more information, visit www.masilva.com or call 707.636.2530.

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