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## MERTIK MAXITROL NAMES VP OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Southfield, MI, July 20, 2009 - Mertik Maxitrol Managing Director Larry Koskela today announced the promotion of Richard Bargert to vice president of marketing and communications, Mertik Maxitrol GmbH & Co. KG and Maxitrol Company, respectively.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce that Rick has been promoted to vice president of marketing and communications," said Mr. Koskela. "He was named director of global marketing in 2003, taking over the responsibility for all marketing activities for Maxitrol and Thale, German-based affiliate Mertik Maxitrol. In his new position, Rick will take on additional responsibilities as an officer of the company." Mr. Bargert will report directly to Mr. Koskela.

Working with Maxitrol and Mertik Maxitrol's individual department heads, Mr. Bargert will look to communicate closely with current and potential customers through product communications, brand development, electronic communications, and advertising.

"I consider it a privilege to work for Maxitrol and Mertik Maxitrol," says Mr. Bargert. "Maxitrol and Mertik Maxitrol are two of the most admired companies in our industry because of the quality and reliability of their products."

R. Bargert, 48, joined Maxitrol in April 2000 as marketing coordinator. Previously, he held the position of marketing coordinator for the heavy-duty business team at SPX Corporation, Warren, MI.

Southfield, Michigan-based Maxitrol Company and its affiliate Mertik Maxitrol, located in Thale, Germany, are international leaders in the design and manufacture of gas pressure regulators, electronic gas modulation systems, gas filters, and gas safety devices. For more information, please visit [www.mertikmaxitrol.com](http://www.mertikmaxitrol.com) and [www.maxitrol.com](http://www.maxitrol.com).

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