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ECCO Group CEO Retires

Ed Zimmer, CEO of the ECCO Group announced his retirement at a company meeting today. Denis Conlon, CEO of the Berwind Industrial Products Group and ECCO Chairman, said a search for Ed's successor will begin immediately.

"I have very mixed emotions. I will miss my many friends in the company and in the industry, but I am very excited to focus on my family, friends and, somewhere in the future, new interests", Zimmer said. "ECCO is well prepared to compete in the future, and will continue to be an exciting and dynamic place to work. Denis will be spending the next few months working closely with ECCO's leadership to determine the best path forward under a new Chief Executive. I truly believe the best of ECCO is yet to come."

Zimmer joined the company in mid 1985 as marketing manager, and became VP of Sales and Marketing in 1988. In 1993, he became president, and was appointed CEO in 1998. He led the company through eight acquisitions since 1998, three in 2008. "To avoid confusion, Denis is picking up the reins right away. I won't be making any further decisions for the company. But I'll always be rooting for ECCO to win", Zimmer said.

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BUSINESS OVERVIEW – Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, ECCO Group operates four manufacturing facilities in the USA, UK and Australia, servicing aftermarket, OEM and private label customers across the globe in a wide range of markets including mining, construction, towing, utilities, municipalities and the emergency services. With a portfolio of seven product brands the groups' product lines are focused on back-up alarms, beacons and lightbars and extends to include directional warning lights, sirens, rear view camera systems and accessories.

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