Teleflex Announces Executive Appointments

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PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 11, 2000--Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE:TFX) today announced that Jeffrey P. Black, 40, president of the company's Industrial products group, has been named president of the corporation with operating responsibility for all Commercial and Aerospace operations. Kevin K. Gordon, 38, vice president of Teleflex, has been appointed to head all corporate development activities.

Lennox K. Black will remain Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Roy C. Carriker was named Vice Chairman, responsible for global affairs. John J. Sickler was also named Vice Chairman and will be responsible for all of the company's Medical operations.

"Our goal is to continue growing revenues and earnings 15% to 20%," said Chairman Lennox K. Black. "We see numerous growth opportunities in our markets and we are organizing the company to take advantage of them." The Board of Directors recognizes the emphasis which is needed in managing our Commercial businesses in a softening economy, as well as the attention required to successfully integrate the planned acquisition of Morse Controls."

"We have a strong, experienced senior management team," Mr. Black continued, "who can assist as Teleflex transitions to new leadership. I am confident that their energy and dedication will allow us to achieve our growth objectives."

Jeffrey Black, the son of Teleflex Chairman Lennox K. Black, has been with Teleflex for 17 years. He has held a variety of managerial positions, primarily within the Commercial Segment, the company's largest segment. As president of the Industrial group, he was responsible for Teleflex Fluid Systems, Capro and GFI Control Systems, all of which sell products in the automotive market. During his tenure as president and general manager of Fluid Systems, he led the division to significant growth in sales and profits, and integrated several key acquisitions in both North America and Europe. Jeffrey is a graduate of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, and attended the Program for Management Development at Harvard University. He also completed graduate courses at the American Graduate School of International Management and at Michigan State University.

Mr. Gordon joined Teleflex in 1997 as director of business development and was promoted to vice president in 2000. He has been instrumental in completing acquisitions which added more than $370 million in annual sales to the company. He is a graduate of University of Connecticut and is a certified public accountant.

Dr. Carriker, a 25-year veteran of Teleflex, has been president of TFX Aerospace since 1994. He guided the expansion of the Sermatech division from a small coatings business into a global provider of components, coating and repair services for flight and land-based turbine engines. TFX Aerospace, which also designs and produces air cargo handling systems, has worldwide sales of more than $475 million.

Mr. Sickler, a 28-year veteran of Teleflex, has headed corporate development during the last five years. He had also served as president of the Aerospace Segment from 1986 to 1990, and previously as chief financial officer of Teleflex Incorporated.

Conference Call:

Teleflex will discuss these management appointments in a conference call today (Monday, December 11, 2000) at 2:00 p.m. The call will be broadcast live over the Internet and can be accessed in a listen-only mode through the Teleflex web site at www.teleflex.com, or by telephone at 212-346-6460.

Teleflex At A Glance:

Teleflex is a diversified industrial company with annual sales of more than $1.6 billion. The company designs, manufactures and distributes quality engineered products and services for the automotive, marine, industrial, medical and aerospace markets worldwide. Teleflex employs more than 14,000 people in over 80 units around the world. Additional information about Teleflex can be obtained from the company's Web site on the Internet at www.teleflex.com.

Forward-looking information:

Statements in this news release, other than historical data, are considered forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ from those contemplated in the statements. These factors are discussed in the company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

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