

Former ArvinMeritor Executive Assumes Senior Role With Kaufman Global

Mr. Sean Wright, the former head of continuous improvement at the \$8 billion, Tier-I automotive system and component supplier, ArvinMeritor, has formally accepted the senior position of Vice President, Operational Excellence with Kaufman Global, an industry leader in the practice of implementing operational improvements.

Indianpolis, IN (PRWEB) February 8, 2005 -- Mr. Wright will have responsibility for driving operational excellence strategies, lean transformations, implementation design and executive coaching for key clients. He will also develop and lead emerging practices in Business Continuity, Value Chain Management and Latin America Production Excellence for Kaufman.

"This move underscores what we have long known to be a critical need for manufacturing organizations world-
wide, $\hat{A}\Box$ said Jerry Timpson, President of Kaufman Global. $\hat{A}\Box$ Our clients must be able to successfully
implement operational improvement efforts on a global scale in order to meet their key strategic objectives for
growth.Â□ To support those objectives Kaufman has been deploying an integrated, structured approach to
conducting continuous improvement initiatives since the firm □s inception in 1995, an approach with which
Wright is well versed.

"Sean brings a unique set of skills and experiences to this position as he has worked with us numerous times during the past decade," Timpson continued. "We will benefit significantly not only from his leadership capabilities and the intimate working knowledge he has of our programs and methods, but also from his extensive international experience, technical skills, and notable successes in driving sustainable results in large-scale business unit and corporate-wide transformations. $\hat{A} \Box$

Indeed Wright brings with him a wealth of industry and global experience. Prior to his time at ArvinMeritor he served at \$4B defense and aerospace giant Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space in numerous roles that included: Director, Lean Process Center; Manager, Strategic Operations, Electronic Products; and Subcontract Manager, Commercial Space. Also while at Lockheed Martin, Wright helped launch the Microwave Technology Center and then served for five years as its Site Manager. Before joining Lockheed he also worked for TRW as a Program Manager and Member of Technical Staff in Satellite Communications, and served as a Hybrid Microelectronics Engineer with Hughes Aircraft. All told, he has held responsibility for rapid operational improvements of land, sea and air products in 27 countries throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific, spending considerable time working outside of the US in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico and the UK.

Wright noted that he is excited about the opportunity to assist a diverse range of clients who are facing the daunting challenges that come with operational and cultural change. $\hat{A} \Box$ Having many times met the challenge of achieving operational performance while implementing sweeping cultural change to Lean, I look forward to sharing my own experiences to help guide executive teams through the planning and execution of a global, strategic improvement initiative to meet their performance objectives and expectations, $\hat{A} \Box$ he stated.

Wright is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach where he received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology.

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