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Kottke Trucking Purchases Wayne T. Fellows, Inc.

Adding 43 drivers and 22 non-driving positions to the company

August 1, 2019 – Buffalo Lake, MN - Kottke Trucking, Inc. has acquired Wayne T. Fellows, Inc. a trucking company focused on refrigerated less-than-truckload and truckload shipping based out of Davenport, Florida. In the acquisition of Wayne T. Fellows, Inc., Kottke Trucking will be adding 43 truck drivers and 22 non-driving positions in accounting, warehouse, dispatch and shop to the Kottke Trucking family.

Kottke Trucking has prided itself on family values since the first day of operation in 1938. Wayne T. Fellows, Inc. has held those same core family values in their decades in the industry as well, making the combining of the two companies a great match.

“We are always looking for ways to better our company and this was a great opportunity to do that. Bringing together the two companies will make a stronger company than the two would be apart. We are excited to have the Wayne T. Fellows family join our Kottke Trucking family,” Kyle Kottke, co-owner and General Manager of Kottke Trucking said.

“As I get ready to retire, I am extremely excited to announce the purchases of Wayne T. Fellows, Inc. and Fellows Truck Brokers, Inc. by Kottke Trucking,” said Tom Fellows, CEO and General Manager of both entities. “The similarities and core values of both companies have led my wife, Sue, and I to believe that we will complement each other very well as we blend together and be able to continue to provide the quality service that customers of both sides have come to know and expect. The entire Fellows family and team are looking forward to joining the Kottke family and the next chapter.”

“This is an extremely exciting day for our family and our entire staff,” said Donna Fellows-Coffey, CFO/COO for Fellows Trucking. “I’ve had the great honor of watching my parents, Tom and Sue, build this company from the ground up, and have been blessed to work alongside them and learn from them each step along the way. On behalf of the entire Fellows family, I want to thank every current or former staff member, customer, or vendor that has helped us enjoy the success we have and helped the realization of my father’s dream become reality. I look forward with hope and anticipation to continuing our family’s fourth generation of trucking tradition as a member of Kottke’s team. I am tremendously proud of my parents and all that they have accomplished and can’t think of a better family to be blending with than the Kottke’s. I’d like to think that my grandfather Fred and great-uncle Steve, who taught my Dad the trucking ropes. I know they are standing alongside Duane and Connie Kottke in heaven today, looking down with a smile and toasting to jobs well done. Starting today, the Fellows family is honored to say that we are #BleedingBlue.”



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Kottke will continue to maintain operations in the Buffalo Lake, Minnesota, Eagan, Minnesota and Wildwood, Florida terminals, in addition to bringing in the terminal sites via Wayne T. Fellows, Inc. in Davenport, Florida and Winter Haven, Florida.

This is Kottke Trucking's second acquisition in the past three years. Kottke Trucking purchased the over-the-road division of Walbon & Company, Inc in the summer of 2016.

Kottke Trucking, Inc. is a third-generation interstate hauler that focuses on refrigerated and dry van transportation. Kottke has been in operation since 1938 and currently operates over 200 semi-tractors. Kottke Trucking is proudly based where it all began 81 years ago in Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. Kottke Trucking also holds terminals in Eagan, Minnesota, Wildwood, Florida and now in Davenport, Florida and Winter Haven, Florida.

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