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HOME HARDWARE ANNOUNCES REALIGNMENT OF HARDLINES MERCHANT RESPONSIBILITIES

New roles, positions announced to situate categories for future growth

St. Jacobs, ON, May 14, 2019 – Home Hardware Stores Limited is pleased to announce the realignment of merchant responsibilities for Hardlines categories. With the announcement comes a newly formed Director role, responsible for executing on the plan to buy and sell for the Hardlines portfolios.

“The reallocation of categories furthers our goal of providing our Dealers with the best program for independents in the industry,” said Joel Marks, Vice-President, Merchandise Hardlines, Home Hardware Stores Limited. “We believe that this realignment will serve to enhance our strong merchandise programs by optimizing our vendor partnerships and will play a critical role in our journey to be Canada's most trusted and preferred home improvement retail brand.”

The updated category responsibilities will take effect on May 27, 2019 to afford time for knowledge transfer and are as below:

Director, Merchandise Hardlines – Dave Martin	
<p><u>Plumbing – Core</u> Merchandise Manager - Mike Morin Associates: Marg Raycraft & Krista Hacker</p> <p><u>Plumbing – Fashion</u> Merchandise Manager – To Be Advised Associates: Shelley Wagner & Dick Tibben</p> <p><u>Hardware</u> Merchandise Manager - Jason Schierholtz Associates: Heather Babcock, Nicole Woeschka & Ben Parkhouse</p>	<p><u>Hand Tools/Sporting Goods</u> Merchandise Manager - To Be Advised Associates: Cathy Shulist, Jason Wick & To Be Advised</p> <p><u>Power Tools/Outdoor Power Equipment</u> Merchandise Manager - Richard Sweeney Associates: Leeanne Wilson, Greg Goetz & Rob Kowalik</p> <p><u>Cleaning/Organization/Paper Products</u> Merchandise Manager – Jim Solomon Associates: Leah Miller & Lauren Campbell</p>
Director, Merchandise Hardlines – Brian Straus	
<p><u>Seasonal</u> Merchandise Manager - Mike Zuk Associates: Jacqui Friedmann, Danielle Zmija & Thomas Todd</p>	<p><u>Furniture</u> Merchandise Manager - Doug Psutka Associate: Tammy Porter</p>

<p><u>Paint</u> Merchandise Manager - Sandy Jordan Associates: Anita Desjardins, Adam Clark & Ann Metzger</p> <p><u>Housewares</u> Merchandise Manager - Tammy Wallace Associates: Krista McKay & Carly Ruhl</p>	<p><u>Lawn & Garden</u> Merchandise Manager - Mike McClennan Associates: Lisa Jordan & Ryan Harrington</p> <p>Process Lead - To Be Advised Merchandise Associate – Floaters: Karen Bender & Perrin Smith</p>
<p>Director, Merchandise Hardlines – To Be Advised</p>	
<p><u>Electrical</u> Merchandise Manager - Derril Linseman Associates: Marg Herron & Barb Smith</p> <p><u>Appliances</u> Merchandise Manager - Sharon Huver Associates: Jaime Wick & Cynthia George</p>	<p><u>HVAC/Automotive</u> Merchandise Manager - Jason Boshart Associates: Trish Fawcett & Landon Hall</p> <p><u>General Merchandise</u> <i>(Toys, Confectionary, Farm, Pet, Apparel & Wild Bird)</i> Merchandise Manager – Todd Cressman Associates: Krista Gromeder & Brenda Poole</p>

About Home Hardware Stores Limited

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest Dealer-owned hardware, lumber, building materials, and furniture home improvement retailer with close to 1,100 stores under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners. Founded in 1964 in rural St. Jacobs, Ontario, Home Hardware remains 100% Canadian owned and operated. Through the Home Hardware network, Dealer-Owners have access to 55,000 quality, brand name and private label products, a state-of-the-art distribution system and extensive marketing and training programs. Offering a mix of tradition and innovation, Home Hardware Stores Limited has received designation as one of Canada's Best Brands and Best Managed Companies and is committed to helping Canadians with all of their project needs. More information about the company is available at homehardware.ca.

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