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## CHANNELLOCK® ANNOUNCES KEY LEADERSHIP PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

**MEADVILLE, PA (SEPTEMBER 15, 2020)** – Channellock, Inc., a worldwide leader in the manufacture of high-quality pliers and assorted hand tools, is proud to announce the promotion of Marc Johnston to Vice President of Operations and Laura King to Director of Human Resources. The company has also made two key hires: Stephanie Beach as Employee Engagement Coordinator, and Kevin Scott as Production Supervisor on 2nd shift at Plant 1. These moves will continue to advance the company forward and into future growth opportunities.

“We’ve been making hand tools in Pennsylvania for more than 130 years, and we want to continue that commitment while creating even more American jobs here in Meadville,” said President & COO Jon DeArment. “These promotions and hires will ensure we are positioning our leadership and operations for even greater success.”

Johnston previously served as VP of Human Resources & Workforce Development at [CHANNELLOCK®](#) and has been with the company for more than 21 years. In his new position, he is responsible for managing the company's manufacturing and engineering operations, as well as human resources.

“CHANNELLOCK® has a long history of industry-leading quality and commitment to Made in America,” Johnston said. “I’m thrilled to be able to get back into the operations side of the business and work together with our associates to help achieve our goals for years to come.”

King previously served as Employee Engagement Coordinator and will step in as Director of Human Resources. In this role, she is responsible for finding and recruiting employees that are dedicated to hard work.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the history of this amazing company,” King said. “I’m committed to providing the employees of CHANNELLOCK® with the support they need when doing their jobs. I’m most excited to continuously improve the HR department with new ideas that make resources and information more easily available to our employees.”

Beach has stepped into King’s previous role as Employee Engagement Coordinator. She is responsible for collaborating with leaders and managers within CHANNELLOCK® and focusing on training and engagement. Scott will take over as Production Supervisor on 2nd shift at Plant 1 and is responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of his team and maintaining productivity at CHANNELLOCK®.

“This year has been a challenge, and I'm confident that with these changes and our team members' continued support and dedication, we will be successful for years to come,” DeArment added.

**About Channellock, Inc.**

Channellock, Inc., is a worldwide leader in the manufacture of high-quality pliers and assorted hand tools, including iconic, American-made CHANNELLOCK® Tongue & Groove Pliers, which can be found in quality retailers around the world. Founded by George B. DeArment in 1886, the Meadville, Pennsylvania-based company is now in its fifth generation of family ownership and operation. For more information on CHANNELLOCK® products, the company's rich history, sales contacts and current news, visit [www.channellock.com](http://www.channellock.com). To stay connected with Channellock, Inc., like us on [Facebook](#) or follow CHANNELLOCK® on [Instagram](#).

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