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### The IAPMO Group Hires Thomas Palkon as Senior Vice President of Water Systems

Ontario, Calif. (Dec. 23, 2014) — The IAPMO Group is pleased to announce the hiring of Thomas Palkon as senior vice president of Water Systems.

Palkon brings to IAPMO 18 years of hands-on experience — all with the Lisle, Ill.-based Water Quality Association (WQA) — in strategic development and implementation, program/process design and development, and business operations within the water treatment industry. As vice president and chief operations officer of WQA since 2012, Palkon provided oversight and direction to all phases of the association's operations, including sales/marketing, product certification, laboratory testing, facility inspections, and professional certification.

He spent the previous 10 years as WQA's director of Product Certification, overseeing service to more than 400 companies and thousands of certified products. He began his work at WQA as a laboratory chemist before promotions to laboratory supervisor and ultimately director.

"I'm very excited to begin this new role for The IAPMO Group and to continue working with the water industry; the industry I've gotten to know so well the past 18 years," Palkon said.

A bachelor of science in biology graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Palkon received his master of business administration from Keller Graduate School of Management, Chicago, graduating with distinction. He was recently named by *Water Conditioning & Purification* magazine as one of the 50 most influential people in the water treatment industry.

"Thomas' considerable experience and industry knowledge will no doubt go a long way toward the expansion of IAPMO's services in the areas of water filtration and treatment," said GP Russ Chaney, CEO of The IAPMO Group. "We are extremely excited to bring him on board to lead these efforts."

### ABOUT THE IAPMO GROUP

The IAPMO Group has been protecting the public's health and safety since 1926 by working in concert with government and industry to implement comprehensive plumbing, mechanical, solar, swimming pool and spa, backflow prevention, radiant and hydronics systems around the world.

The IAPMO Group is a complete service organization, providing code development assistance, industry-leading education, product testing and certification, building product evaluation, a manufacturer-preferred quality assurance program, management systems auditing (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001), factory inspection, product standards development, and personnel training and certifications. Each component of The IAPMO Group plays an integral part in protecting the health and safety of people everywhere.

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