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## Miller Manufacturing Announces Additions to support API Product Line

**Eagan, MN** – **January 27, 2014**: Miller Manufacturing Company, an industry leader in farm, ranch, and pet products, is pleased to announce the key hire of Javier Torres and consulting contracts with both Thomas Reusche and Dr. Philip Chumbley. All long-standing Allied Precision Industries employees, Javier, Tom, and Philip bring a broad and comprehensive range of sourcing, manufacturing, and engineering expertise to greatly benefit the transition of the recent API acquisition.

Javier Torres joins the Miller team as a Production Manager after spending the last 20 years at API in a variety of progressive roles, most recently as the Plant Manager. Javier's in-depth knowledge of the manufacturing process of API's wide range of heated farm, pet, and bird products is a valued contribution to the Miller Manufacturing team. He and his family will be relocating to Minnesota along with the transfer of operations.

In addition, Miller has signed on-going consulting contracts with former API owner, Thomas Reusche, and Dr. Philip Chumbley, API's former Director of Research and Development. Tom has worked closely with the Miller team throughout the sale and will remain a valuable resource. Philip designed a large portion of the current API portfolio, in addition to providing product and customer support for the line.

"Javier, Tom, and Philip's expertise brings an immeasurable wealth of knowledge and insight as we transition the API portfolio," says Dan Ferrise, CEO of Miller Manufacturing. "These gentlemen will be integral in providing the world-class product and customer support that our customers are accustomed to when working with Miller Manufacturing."

Miller Manufacturing Company is a market-leading manufacturer, distributor, and marketer of farm, ranch and pet products which are sold under the brand names of Little Giant<sup>®</sup>, Hot-Shot<sup>®</sup> Springer Magrath<sup>®</sup>, Pet Lodge<sup>™</sup>, and API<sup>®</sup>. Today, Miller Manufacturing's catalog features over 1,000 products which are sold through a large network of farm and animal health supply distributors in the United States and over 30 countries around the world. Miller Manufacturing started as a family-owned business in 1941 and today is owned and operated by Frandsen Corporation of North Branch, MN.