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Grindmaster-Cecilware™ Announces New Vice President of Engineering

Louisville, KY — Grindmaster-Cecilware Corporation announced that Jose G. Avendaño has been appointed as Grindmaster-Cecilware's new Vice President of Engineering. Jose will be based in Louisville, Kentucky and will be responsible for all aspects of engineering for the company.

Jose was most recently employed at Crane Merchandising Systems in St. Louis, Missouri as Director of Refrigeration and Product Reliability. He has 30 years of product development, product testing, and project management experience, including 20 years of appliance experience with GE Venezuela and Maytag and 10 years of food service industry experience with Bunn-O-Matic and Crane.

Jose has earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA. Additionally, Jose is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt and has facilitated several VA/VE (Value Analysis/Value Engineering) events. Jose is a member of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) and a past member of ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers).

Michael G. Tinsley, Chief Executive Officer said, "Jose will add considerable capabilities in product development and support and we're looking forward to his creative and innovative contributions to our product line."

Grindmaster-Cecilware™ is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky with locations in New York, Illinois, and Thailand. The company is owned and managed by BNY Mezzanine Partners, L.P.

Grindmaster-Cecilware's™ extensive product line is the basis for the company's mission; to build the next generation single source global beverage and foodservice equipment solution. Grindmaster-Cecilware™ manufactures a comprehensive line of quality beverage dispensing equipment for hot, cold, and frozen beverages and a complementary foodservice equipment line.

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