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## **Grindmaster-Cecilware™ Announces New Director of Quality**

Louisville, KY — Grindmaster-Cecilware Corporation announced that Steven D. Fortier has been appointed as Grindmaster-Cecilware’s new Director of Quality. Steve will be based in Louisville, Kentucky and will be responsible for the development and implementation of new quality standards as it relates to the customer experience, new and existing products, and internal processes.

Steve brings over 20 years of quality system experience to Grindmaster-Cecilware™. He has performed in various roles in the manufacturing, medical, telecommunication, and logistics industries. He has utilized 6S, Lean Process design, SPC analysis, and DMAIC to drastically improve efficiencies and first time conformity, reduce waste, and exceed customer and internal expectations.

Steve has earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Johnson & Wales University and a Master of Science Management from Florida Tech. Additionally, Steve is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt, Lean Manufacturing certified, and a certified RAB Quality Management System Lead Auditor.

Michael G. Tinsley, Chief Executive Officer said, “GMCW is thrilled to add a professional like Steve to our team and look forward to his contributions toward enhancing our commitment to quality from a product, service and customer experience perspective.”

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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