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## **PATTERSON MANUFACTURING HIRES LEAD DESIGN ENGINEER WESLEY SCHMIDT TO HEAD UP PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

(PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA) – Patterson Manufacturing, a world leader in barge rigging for more than 150 years, announced that it has hired Wesley Schmidt as its lead design engineer. Mr. Schmidt joined the company on April 2, 2012.

Mr. Schmidt comes to Patterson from Emerson Process Management, where he was responsible for the design of mechanical equipment used to control steam-driven turbines. Before Emerson, he was the manager of engineering at Danzer Services, part of the world's largest producer of wood veneer and lumber. He was also manager of engineering for Unifab (now Hunter Lift). Mr. Schmidt has more than 15 years of professional experience.

"We're very happy to have Wesley on board at Patterson," said David Grapes, CEO. "His mix of engineering experience, creative thinking, and leadership skills are just what we need to challenge Patterson's product development team to think in new ways. We've always been dedicated to innovation, and Wesley brings a fresh perspective to the company that will inspire us to develop products nobody has ever thought of before. We already have some great ideas in the pipeline, and we'll be telling you more about those soon."

Mr. Schmidt holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and is a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania.

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