

## **Nichols Aluminum President Elected Chairman of the Board of Aluminum Association**

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HOUSTON, Sep 19, 2011 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- Thomas Brackmann, President of Nichols Aluminum, a division of Quanex Building Products (NYSE:NX) has been elected to the Aluminum Association as Chairman of the Board, effective September 13, 2011. Mr. Brackmann had previously served as its Vice-Chairman and is replacing the outgoing Chairman Steven J. Demetriou.

Working globally, the Aluminum Association serves as the voice of the industry, representing aluminum producers, recyclers and suppliers. As Chairman, Mr. Brackmann will team with the rest of the Board to guide policy and oversee the interests of the industry and the association's members.

"I'm pleased to have the opportunity to lead the Association for the next two years," said Brackmann. "While the economy hasn't performed as well as we'd like, these are definitely exciting times for aluminum, as we provide a sustainable metal choice to save energy and enhance user experiences."

Brackmann has over 25 years of experience in the aluminum industry, working with various operations in senior positions. He was promoted to his present position as President of Nichols Aluminum in 2003. "Tom has been a major driving force at Nichols and offers the association extensive knowledge and experience," said David Petratis, Quanex president and chief executive officer. "His background will prove very beneficial in furthering the goals of the aluminum industry."

The Aluminum Association works globally to aggressively promote aluminum as the most sustainable and recyclable automotive, packaging and construction material in today's market. Member companies operate more than 200 plants in the United States, with many conducting business worldwide.

Quanex Building Products Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of value-added, engineered materials and components, serving the energy efficient building products markets. It is an ROIC-driven company that grows shareholder returns through a combination of organic growth via new products, programs and strategic acquisitions.

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