



## **Klossner Named to Executive Appointment With Altra Engineered Couplings Group**

QUINCY, Mass., Dec 11, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Altra Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq:AIMC), a leading global supplier of clutch brakes, couplings, gearing, belted drives and power transmission components, announced the appointment of Mark Klossner to the executive position of Vice President and General Manager of the Altra Engineered Couplings Group, according to Altra President and Chief Operating Officer Carl Christenson.

Business units within the Altra Engineered Couplings Group include TB Wood's, Ameridrives Couplings, Ameridrives Power Transmissions, and Bibby Transmissions, with facilities located in Chambersburg, PA; Erie, PA; New Braunfels, TX; San Marcos, TX; Green Bay, WI; and Dewsbury, England. These Altra brands produce a wide range of precision engineered couplings and mechanical power transmission equipment for industrial control applications throughout the world.

Klossner joined the global power transmission firm in 2004 as a Strategic Marketing Analyst and was subsequently promoted to Strategic Marketing Manager focused on a number of market growth initiatives as well as improving Altra's electromagnetic clutch/brake (ECB) business platform. He was named Managing Director for Altra's business unit, Matrix International, Brechin, Scotland, in October 2006.

Prior to joining Altra, Klossner held various operational and marketing positions with Kulicke and Soffa in Pennsylvania. He holds a BS degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University, an MBA degree from Kellogg School of Management and an MS degree in Engineering from Northwestern University.

### About Altra

Altra Holdings, Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary Altra Industrial Motion, Inc., is a leading multinational designer, producer and marketer of a wide range of mechanical power transmission products. The company brings together strong brands covering over 40 product lines, with production facilities in eight countries and sales coverage in over 70 countries. Our leading brands include Boston Gear, Warner Electric, TB Wood's, Formsprag Clutch, Ameridrives Couplings, Industrial Clutch, Kilian Manufacturing, Marland Clutch, Nuttall Gear, Stieber Clutch, Wichita Clutch, Twiflex Limited, Bibby Transmissions, Matrix International, Inertia Dynamics, Huco Dynatork and Warner Linear.

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