

Compass Minerals Announces Appointment of Shelly Kinnune as Vice President and General Manager, Specialty Fertilizers

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OVERLAND PARK, Kan., Apr 24, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) --Compass Minerals (NYSE: CMP) has appointed Shelly Kinnune vice president and general manager of its specialty fertilizers business. In this role, Ms. Kinnune will lead the company's Great Salt Lake Minerals and Big Quill Resources subsidiaries with responsibility for directing the production, sales and marketing of the company's specialty fertilizer products, including overseeing the development of new markets and applications, as well as managing the company's multi-phased expansion program at the Great Salt Lake. She will also serve on Compass Minerals' leadership team. The appointment is effective May 7, 2012.

"Shelly Kinnune has an exceptional history of providing leadership and strategic direction in some of the agricultural industry's leading companies," said Angelo Brisimitzakis, Compass Minerals president and CEO. "Her outstanding record of maximizing growth opportunities, optimizing asset utilization and directing continuous improvement initiatives will be invaluable as our specialty fertilizer segment continues to execute its plans for long-term, profitable growth."

Ms. Kinnune joins Compass Minerals from Syngenta, where she most recently served as head, permanent crops portfolio. Her 18 years of experience also include serving as horticulture business unit head for SePRO Corporation, a manufacturer and marketer of value-added products for specialty crops; marketing management roles with Monsanto; and operations and finance leadership roles in emerging businesses. She holds an MBA from Marylhurst University and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Oregon State University.

Ms. Kinnune replaces Ron Bryan, who began a retirement process that commenced in January of this year with a transition to a part-time role as vice president, strategic projects.

About Compass Minerals

Based in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Compass Minerals is a leading producer of minerals, including salt, sulfate of potash specialty fertilizer and magnesium chloride. The company provides highway deicing salt to customers in North America and the United Kingdom and specialty fertilizer to growers worldwide. Compass Minerals also produces consumer deicing, water conditioning and pool products, ingredients used in consumer and commercial foods, and other mineral-based products for consumer, agricultural and industrial applications. The company also provides records management services to businesses throughout the U.K. For more information, visit www.compassminerals.com.

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