

Ian Kirson, Partner and President, Announces the Formation of Center Rock Capital Partners

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Rolling Meadows, IL — August 15, 2017 — Ian Kirson announced today the formation of Center Rock Capital Partners, LP (“Center Rock”). Center Rock is a Midwest-based private equity firm that has been established to provide flexible private equity financing to industrial companies in the lower middle market. The firm seeks to invest in complex transactions arising from operational or transactional challenges. Center Rock will focus on market-leading industrial manufacturing, industrial services and industrial distribution companies headquartered in North America but often with multi-national operations and locations that serve both domestic and global markets.

Center Rock is committed to doing the hard work. The investment professionals of Center Rock have substantial

expertise in closing complex transactions and working with management teams to improve performance, as such Center Rock has the flexibility and tools to invest in complex situations, understand the challenges, construct the solutions and build value in lower middlemarket industrial companies.

Prior to forming Center Rock, Mr. Kirson was at Wynnchurch Capital from 2004 to 2017, most recently as a Partner and member of the firm’s investment committee. Prior to Wynnchurch Mr. Kirson held positions with Kirkland & Ellis, Goldman Sachs, Willis Stein & Partners, and Crossroads Capital Partners.

For more information, visit www.centerrockcp.com.

About Center Rock Capital Partners, LP

Center Rock is a Midwest-based private equity firm focused on building leading industrial companies in the lower middle market. Center Rock invests in complex transactions arising from operational or transactional challenges. The firm seeks industrial manufacturing, industrial services and industrial distribution companies headquartered in North America, often with multi-national operations and locations that serve both domestic and global markets.

With substantial expertise in closing complex transactions and working with management teams to improve performance, Center Rock’s investment professionals have the flexibility and tools to invest in complex situations, understand the challenges, construct solutions and build value in lower middle market industrial companies.

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