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**PETILLO BEGINS TERM AS NAHAD'S 2019-2020 PRESIDENT**

(Annapolis, MD) - Sam Petillo, president of Singer Equities, Inc., was recently elected to serve as president of NAHAD, the Association for Hose and Hose Accessories Distribution. NAHAD is the only trade association dedicated to the hose industry, whose mission is to promote quality, safety, and profitability amongst leading manufacturers and distributors. Petillo assumes the presidency after serving multiple leadership roles with the association, including on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and numerous committees.

"I am honored to be a part of NAHAD and to serve as president this year," said Petillo. "I served on the NAHAD board both as a manufacturer and a distributor, and I feel I bring a unique perspective on the value NAHAD provides related to networking, education, and most importantly, our commitment to hose safety and the Hose Safety Institute."

Petillo, a 20-year veteran in the hose and rubber business, joined Singer Equities in 2013 as Vice President/Midwest Regional Manager. He was elevated to President/CEO in 2016 where he focused on driving strategy, growth plans and acquisitions for Singer. Petillo previously served as Director, North America for Goodyear's Industrial Hose and Hydraulics business unit and held product and marketing manager roles for Saint-Gobain's Fluid Systems division. A graduate of the University of Akron, Petillo holds a master's degree in Business Communication.

"Sam's commitment to NAHAD is a true testament to his leadership style and his dedication to the industry," stated Molly Alton Mullins, NAHAD Executive Vice President. "Sam brings a wealth of industry knowledge to the table and is truly one of the most respected leaders in the business. NAHAD is lucky to have him at the helm to accomplish great things for the organization in the year ahead."

NAHAD provides a wealth of services for its membership, including networking events like the Annual Convention, targeted educational programs and services, and workforce development tools, including industry-specific training. One of NAHAD's premier offerings is its Hose Safety Institute, which sets industry standards for hose safety and assembly. Petillo was a part of the original team who created the Institute's guidelines and is acutely committed to its mission.

"Hose safety and reliability is deeply important to us at Singer and to all our company brands," stated Petillo. "Being a part of NAHAD, and the Hose Safety Institute, is critical to ensuring our company's protocols meet and exceed industry standards. I am proud to be a part of an organization committed to these best practices and I look forward to great things ahead this year."

Singer Equities, headquartered in Houston, TX, is a decentralized group of value-added distributors in the industrial rubber products industry. Their 13 platform companies distribute and fabricate industrial and hydraulic hose, conveyor belt and gaskets at 48 locations in the U.S. that serve a diverse market portfolio including petrochemical, oil/gas, food and beverage, OE equipment, marine, MRO, construction and rental supply. More information can be found at [singerequities.com](http://singerequities.com). More information on NAHAD and the Hose Safety Institute can be found by visiting [nahad.org](http://nahad.org).