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Tennant Company Promotes Karla Leis to Vice President of Orbio Technologies Group

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MINNEAPOLIS, Oct 18, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC), a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing of solutions that help create a cleaner, safer, healthier world, announced the promotion of Karla Leis to vice president of Orbio Technologies Group. Ms. Leis will lead the company's development and marketing of new applications and markets for Tennant Company's water-based cleaning technologies. Orbio Technologies, a Tennant Company Group, is the leading innovator in sustainable technologies that clean, control, or kill harmful microorganisms without the use of traditional chemicals.

Ms. Leis brings 19 plus years of experience in business development, product management and sales management. Karla began her career at Tennant in 2000 and has held several key leadership roles including General Manager of Orbio Technologies Group since its inception in 2009, Director of International Business Development, General Sales Manager of the North America East Division and Director of Product Management.

Prior to Tennant, Karla held various management positions at DataCard Corporation and Cummins Power Generation. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master of Business Administration from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

"Tennant has a vision to be a global leader in chemical-free cleaning and other technologies," said Chris Killingstad, Tennant Company president and CEO. "As we continue to introduce new, 'disruptive' technologies to deliver on this vision, Karla's diverse background and expertise will help us successfully introduce them to the marketplace, create new alliances and expand revenue opportunities."

Ms. Leis will make her office in St. Louis Park, Minn., Orbio Technologies Group headquarters.

About Orbio Technologies Group

Orbio Technologies Group is the chemical-free cleaning technology arm of Tennant Company. Established in 2009 to execute on Tennant Company's vision of becoming a global leader in chemical-free cleaning, Orbio Technologies Group is dedicated to developing and marketing environmentally friendly technologies under the brand name of Orbio(R) that will set the standard for sustainable cleaning around the world. Leveraging Tennant's proprietary and award-winning Orbio ec-H2O(TM) technology, Orbio Technologies Group will continue to create and deliver sustainable cleaning solutions to Tennant's existing markets and new markets.

About Tennant Company

Minneapolis-based Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC) is a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing solutions that help create a cleaner, safer, healthier world. Its products include equipment for maintaining surfaces in industrial, commercial and outdoor environments; chemical-free and other sustainable cleaning technologies; and coatings for protecting, repairing and upgrading floors. Tennant's global field service network is the most extensive in the industry. Tennant has manufacturing operations in Minneapolis, Minn.; Holland, Mich.; Louisville, Ky; Uden, The Netherlands; the United Kingdom; São Paulo, Brazil; and Shanghai, China; and sells products directly in 15 countries and through distributors in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit

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