



LAWSON Products

Lawson Products Founder Recovering

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DES PLAINES, Ill., Sept. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Lawson Products, Inc. (Nasdaq: LAWS) announced today that Sidney L. Port, its founder, was recently hospitalized following a mild stroke. Robert J. Washlow, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lawson, stated, "Mr. Port is responding well to therapy. The entire Lawson Family wishes him a speedy recovery." Mr. Port, who founded Lawson in 1952, serves on the Lawson Board of Directors as non-executive Vice Chairman.

Lawson Products is an international seller and distributor of products, services and systems to the industrial, commercial and institutional maintenance, repair and replacement marketplace. The Company also manufactures, sells and distributes production and specialized component parts to the original equipment marketplace, including the automotive, appliance, aerospace, construction and transportation industries.

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