

Lawson Products Set to Join Russell 3000 Index

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 26, 2015-- Lawson Products, Inc. (NASDAQ: LAWS) is set to join the broad-market Russell 3000[®] Index as well as the Russell Global Index at the conclusion of the Russell indexes annual reconstitution on June 26, according to a preliminary list of additions posted June 12 on the <u>FTSE Russell website</u>.

Annual Russell indexes reconstitution captures the 4,000 largest U.S. stocks as of the end of May, ranking them by total market capitalization. Membership in the Russell 3000, which remains in place for one year, means automatic inclusion in the large-cap Russell 1000[®] Index or small-cap Russell 2000[®] Index as well as the appropriate growth and value style indexes. FTSE Russell determines membership for its Russell indexes primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings and style attributes.

"We are pleased that Lawson Products has been added as a member of the Russell 3000 and Global indices," commented Michael DeCata, president and chief executive officer. "This membership will enhance our growth strategy and visibility in the investment community."

Russell indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. Approximately \$5.7 trillion in assets are benchmarked to the Russell's U.S. indexes. Russell indexes are part of FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider.

About Lawson Products

Founded in 1952, Lawson Products (NASDAQ: LAWS) is an industrial distributor of approximately 300,000 maintenance and repair products. Lawson Products serves the industrial, commercial, institutional and government maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) market. The Company ships products to customers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean from five strategically located distribution centers in North America. Under its Kent Automotive brand, the Company supplies products to collision and mechanical repair shops as well as automotive OEMs. For additional information, please visit <u>www.lawsonproducts.com</u>.

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