

MUELLER NAMED TO ASME B56.1 COMMITTEE

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(November 15, 2004 – Medina, Ohio) Dave Mueller, president of RICO Equipment, Inc. has been named as a member of the ANSI/ASME B56.1 technical committee.

"ANSI/ASME technical committees comprise leaders in their respective fields," says Mueller. "I'm honored to serve with such a broad and diverse group of professionals who are truly committed to improving lift truck safety in the United States."

The B56.1 committee is responsible for defining the safety requirements relating to the elements of design, operation, and maintenance of low lift and high lift powered industrial trucks. This diverse group is carefully balanced between lift truck manufactures, users, regulatory agents, insurance carriers and other technical experts.

According to Mueller, "I felt it important that safety considerations continued to be represented in the specialized equipment market. When viewed together, industrial trucks such as: die handlers; vehicle movers; grip tows; lift tows; platforms; and explosion proof trucks have significant numbers and must be included in any safety discussion."

Information regarding the B56 technical committees may be found at www.asme.org

RICO is a proud to be fabricators of the world's finest specialty lift trucks. With more than 125 years of industry experience, RICO has pioneered the design, development and manufacture of specialized lift trucks with capacities ranging from 3,000 to 300,000 lbs. The company's products are sold to a diverse customer base which includes users in the industrial, military and commercial markets.

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