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RES Pyro has announced that Steve Coman will be transitioning from his role as CEO/President effective May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Will Wallus has been appointed the new CEO/President and Chairman of the Board for RES Pyro in conjunction with his purchase of the company.

Steve Coman stated, "It has been an honor to lead RES Pyro over the years, and I am excited to see what the future holds under the new leadership. I am confident that this transition will take the company to new heights while continuing to provide the same level of quality and service that our customers have come to expect from our team." Steve Coman's succession plan has been in the works over the last 6 months and culminated in this announcement today.

Will Wallus has been an operator on the services side of RES Pyro for 12 years. Combine that with his extensive background and over 20 years of corporate experience in the Manufacturing and Sales industry and Will Wallus was the obvious candidate for this transition. Will Wallus's leadership skills and industry background make him uniquely qualified to lead RES Pyro into the future.

Will Wallus also expressed his excitement for the future, stating, "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead RES Pyro into our next chapter. I look forward to working with our talented team to continue to drive growth, innovation, and success. Our goal is to aggressively grow our manufacturing market share while increasing our business of providing world class shows in the Upper Midwest."

The RES Pyro staff wants to thank Steve Coman for his years of service and leadership. We are all excited for the future and possibilities with RES Pyro. As a client or customer, you will continue to work with the same great team you have come to know and trust with over the years. Our staff will remain 100% intact.

In addition, RES Pyro will be expanding its team immediately following this transition with the appointment of Tracy Vanasek as the Vice President of Services and Sales and Kent Orwoll as Vice President of Manufacturing. These individuals have over 50 years of combined experience, which will allow the company a smooth transition and continuity that our customers and clients expect.

These transitions of leadership within RES Pyro allow business continuity with no impact to the day-to-day operations. In addition, Steve Coman is choosing to remain with RES Pyro over the upcoming months during a changeover period. Inquiries can be directed to the contact information below.

#### About RES Pyro

RES Pyro designs and facilitates custom fireworks and pyrotechnic displays for indoor and outdoor events and manufactures and sells pyrotechnics for professional use. For more information, please visit [www.respyro.com](http://www.respyro.com).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Coman".

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