



## **The Fisher Barton Group Celebrates 40 Years of Innovation**

*Wisconsin-based global manufacturer marks milestone in the delivery of superior quality components, production processes and coating technologies.*

**Waukesha, Wis. (November 1, 2013)** – Saturday, October 26 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fisher Barton Blade's first shipment of lawnmower blades. This milestone is a testament to the company's ongoing dedication to technological innovation and growth. From its humble beginnings as a small lawnmower blade manufacturer, The Fisher Barton Group has expanded into a family of eight world-class manufacturing companies, specializing in a broad range of industrial components, product and process improvements, and coating technologies.

Founded by metallurgist Richard L. Wilkey in 1973, the company originally employed three people in a 2,400 square foot facility in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Within a year, Fisher Barton Blades outgrew its manufacturing plant and relocated to Watertown, Wisconsin, where it recently moved into an even larger facility.

"Over the past four decades," said Jeff Russell, VP of Business Development, "Fisher Barton has expanded substantially by means of both organic growth and acquisitions. Through a constant pursuit of excellence, we have developed 18 patents and we are committed to remaining on the leading edge of innovation for our global customer base."

Fisher Barton continues to leverage its materials expertise through the capabilities of its in-house Materials Lab. This state-of-the-art facility allows Fisher Barton's highly skilled materials engineers to characterize, research, develop and test product and process solutions based upon unique customer needs.

"We are constantly innovating to help our customers," says Russell. "Whether that means identifying ways to make a surgical instrument last longer or increasing performance value of an agricultural equipment component; it's the innovations that we bring to the marketplace that really excite our customers."

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To support its constant pursuit of innovation, Fisher Barton is dedicated to the personal and professional development of staff across its eight divisions. Employees are encouraged to grow and advance within the organization, reinforcing its reputation as a great place to work. The Fisher Barton Group currently provides more than 900 family-sustaining jobs across the United States, Ireland and Vietnam.

The Fisher Barton Group will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the next year with a variety of internal and external activities. For more information on The Fisher Barton Group, please visit [www.fisher-barton.com](http://www.fisher-barton.com).

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With its corporate headquarters in Waukesha, Wisconsin, The Fisher Barton Group comprises eight independent companies, including Accurate Specialties, Fisher Barton Blades, Fisher Barton Specialty Products, Thermal Spray Technologies, Fisher Barton South Carolina, Lineage Alloys, Zenith Cutter, and Lund Precision Products Ireland. Together, they leverage materials expertise and world-leading process innovations to manufacture high value components for a variety of markets including agricultural equipment, converting equipment, outdoor power equipment, medical device, recycling equipment, and oil and gas markets. Business unit products consist of industrial knives and accessories, lawn mower blades, agricultural knives, power transmission components, stampings, thermal spray coatings, and heat treated weldments. For more information, please visit [www.fisher-barton.com](http://www.fisher-barton.com) or watch our [company video on Youtube](#).