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Jim Ventre of Vitro America Elected GANA Mirror Division Chair

(TOPEKA) - The Glass Association of North America (GANA) announced today that Jim Ventre of Vitro America was elected by the GANA Mirror Division to be its news Chairman. Ventre succeeds Tom Crawford of Donisi Mirror, who vacated the position to become the new Treasurer of the Association. Ventre has been in the glass industry for 25 years.

“I appreciate the opportunity to lead the GANA Mirror Division,” said Ventre. “I will do my very best to help create new energy and enthusiasm toward our mirror and glass industry.”

In his current role at Vitro America, Jim is responsible for all sales of the Grenada, MS plant. Vitro Grenada has been manufacturing mirror since 1947 and holds exclusive rights to their ScarGard mirror surface protector. The Grenada facility is also one of the largest producers of laminated glass products in the United States. Jim sells and markets their products with the support of 9 independent reps throughout the U.S. Vitro America Grenada also sells its products through branch distribution centers. In addition, Jim is responsible for Direct Truckload sales of flat glass from Vitro’s manufacturing facility in Monterrey, Mexico into the United States.

Jim is a “road warrior”, but still finds time for regular exercise including tennis and weight lifting. Jim has been married to his wife, Bobbie, for 22 years. They have two boys, Stephen (18) and Luke (15). Jim also has 4 children from his first marriage, Jamie, Kellie, Jason and Dani. Jamie Jr. will be returning from active duty in Iraq next month.

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