



News Announcement

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VITRAN INITIATES SEARCH FOR NEW HEAD OF US LTL OPERATIONS

TORONTO, ONTARIO (April 19, 2001) – Vitran Corporation Inc. (TSE:VTN.A, AMEX:VVN), a North American transportation and logistics firm, today announced that its Vitran Express US LTL Operations President George Reid has left the Company, effective immediately.

Rick E. Gaetz, President and Chief Operating Officer, Vitran Distribution Systems will hold the additional title and responsibilities as Interim President of Vitran Express during the Company's search for a qualified replacement.

Vitran President and Chief Executive Officer Richard D. McGraw, stated, "We are undertaking a search for a seasoned transportation industry leader to enhance the solid Express management team and further build upon the strong position Vitran Express has established in the US Midwest. We are now the third largest 'next-day' transportation and logistics provider in the region, with a service area covering 18 states.

"We thank George for his many accomplishments at Vitran, and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Vitran Corporation Inc. is a North American group of transportation companies offering less-than-truckload, truckload, intermodal marketing and truck brokerage and logistics services.

Further Company information is available at <http://www.vitran.com>.

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