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MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ELECTS KEVIN BJORK TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Minnesota Council for Quality, Minneapolis, recently announced the election of Kevin Bjork, Vice President of Quality at Hutchinson Technology, to its Board of Directors. In his current role at HTI, Mr. Bjork is responsible for developing the company's quality strategy, as well as monitoring and auditing the direction of all continuous improvement plans and activities. Mr. Bjork began his career at HTI in 1982. He was promoted as director of quality for the company's disk drive division in 1997, and then to director of corporate quality in 2002. In addition, he has held positions in quality management, quality engineering, product development, and manufacturing engineering management. Bjork holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

About the Minnesota Council for Quality

Founded in 1987, the Minnesota Council for Quality is a non-profit corporation that advances improvement and performance excellence within organizations, individuals, and communities. The Council helps leaders identify strengths and improvement opportunities and builds networks that bring information, resources, knowledge, and best practices to organizations desiring to improve. We do this by offering services such as our Baldrige-based organizational assessments (and Minnesota Quality Award), the Performance Improvement Network, the Consultant Referral Network, and the improvement Clearinghouse, and by collaborating with other non-profits that focus on improvement. For more information, please visit www.councilforquality.org.

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