



AutoZone Announces Organizational Changes

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 4 /PRNewswire/ -- AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE: AZO), today announced the following organizational changes effective immediately. Veteran retail executive Jim Shea has been hired to the position of Executive Vice President, Merchandising and Marketing. Most recently, Jim was the Chief Executive Officer of Party City. Previous to Party City, Mr. Shea held senior level positions with companies such as Lechter's Housewares, Kaufmann's Department Stores, Lechmere, Eddie Bauer, and Dayton Hudson. Mr. Shea started his career with General Mills after attaining his undergraduate degree from Iona College and his graduate degree from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

The Company also announced that Mike Archbold, currently SVP, Chief Financial Officer will become Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer. Mike Longo, currently SVP, Growth Initiatives will become Executive Vice President, Supply Chain, Information Technology, Store Development and Mexico. Bill Rhodes, currently SVP, Supply Chain and Information Technology will become Executive Vice President, Store Operations and Commercial.

"The addition of Jim Shea and the restructuring of the Company's top management will strengthen the AutoZone team as we focus on reinvigorating profitable growth," said Steve Odland, Chairman, President and CEO.

These four Executive Vice Presidents will report directly to Mr. Odland. Additionally, Harry Goldsmith, SVP, General Counsel and Secretary, and Daisy Vanderlinde, SVP, Human Resources and Loss Prevention will continue to report to Mr. Odland.

About AutoZone:

As of August 28, 2004, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,420 AutoZone stores in 48 states plus the District of Columbia in the U.S. and 63 stores in Mexico and also sells the ALLDATA brand automotive diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information through <http://www.alldatadiy.com> and auto and light truck parts through <http://www.autozone.com>.

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