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Linear Names Michael O'Neal President; Dan Stottlemyre to Vice Chairman, Linear Group



New Linear President Michael O'Neal

Carlsbad, CA (April 13, 2011) [Linear LLC](#) has named Michael O'Neal as its new President. Concurrently, Dan Stottlemyre, Linear's President since 2005, was named Vice Chairman of the Linear Group.

O'Neal, who brings significant global experience in business consulting and the electronics industry, joins Linear from Gibson Guitar. There he served as President of the company's North American operations. O'Neal also served as CEO of several high-tech electronics corporations, such as Phillips Accessories and Peripherals and Gemini Industries, among others. Prior to that, he served as a management consultant to governments, businesses and not-for-profit organizations, helping them pursue strategic changes and new market opportunities. Earlier in his career, O'Neal was a Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Governor of New Jersey.

“This is a dynamic industry, with tremendous growth opportunities, and I am proud to take on this important role as leader of a company with such a strong and exciting history,” O’Neal states. “Linear’s spirit and ability to hone in on market needs is crucial for any successful company today, and it’s a culture I embrace.”

Stottlemyre, a 23-year veteran of the Linear organization, has presided over a lengthy period of diversification and has been instrumental in its growth and success during his tenure. He has played a key role in identifying and cultivating countless new and successful relationships, and literally thousands of new products, during his time in the position as President. Now, he looks forward to his new role as Vice Chairman.

Linear, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in business this year, is known for its steadfast loyalty to customers and employees. The company is dedicated to providing easy-to-install, interchangeable components and integrated systems -- giving dealers and installers flexible solutions for nearly any application.

According to O’Neal, Linear’s approach to the next 50 years will be guided by many of the same principles -- quality, reliability and innovation -- it has had in place since 1961. “Our customer expectations have never been higher, and we are committed to meeting and exceeding them,” he says. “In these next 50 years, I look forward to expanding our presence in the global marketplace. My past experience positions me well for guiding this growth initiative.”

O’Neal holds a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ. He and his family are in the process of re-locating to the Carlsbad area.

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About Linear LLC

Linear LLC is a major supplier of wireless residential security systems, access control, intercoms, garage door operators, gate operators, short- and long-range radio remote controls, and personal emergency reporting systems. In recent years the company, through acquisition, has expanded into a wide range of consumer electronics, including whole-house audio/video distribution systems, central vacuum systems, music/communications systems, speakers and structured wiring systems.

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