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### **Great Dane Trailers Announces Acquisition of Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies**

CHICAGO, ILL., SAVANNAH, GA. and RICE LAKE, WIS. -- Today, Great Dane Trailers announced that it has acquired Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies, the industry leader in the manufacture of insulated fiberglass refrigerated truck bodies and all-electric refrigeration solutions, and the innovator of cutting-edge truck refrigeration technology. The acquisition promises to be a synergistic move for both companies.

For Great Dane, the purchase of Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies, founded in 1932 by the Johnson Family and based in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, is a strategic addition to the semi-trailer manufacturer's sales platform. By expanding its product offerings in refrigerated transportation equipment, Great Dane reinforces its commitment as a market leader to fully serve the food service industry.

For Johnson, the significant overlap with Great Dane's customer base will both support and expand the truck body manufacturer's business. In addition, Johnson will have access to Great Dane's network of distribution, parts and service centers.

Together, the two companies are complementary in their dedication to develop quality products custom designed to fit customers' needs, as well as the drive to pursue innovative methods and solutions for the trucking industry's ever-changing challenges.

"Great Dane is pleased to join Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies in serving the complex needs of refrigerated customers," said company president and COO Phill Pines. "Both our companies and our customers will benefit from this partnership."

Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies President Ron Ricci echoed the benefits of the acquisition, as well. "This is an exciting milestone for our company, and we look forward to scaling our growth as part of Great Dane," he said. "Great Dane's global reach, scale, widely recognized brand and worldwide dealer and customer relationships make this the ideal partnership."

### **About Great Dane Trailers**

Great Dane Trailers, a manufacturer of dry van, refrigerated and platform trailers, has long been regarded as the industry leader in technology, innovation and quality. The company has division offices in Savannah, Georgia, and Chicago, Illinois, with manufacturing plants strategically located throughout the United States. With distribution points across North and South America, Great Dane utilizes a network of company-owned branches and full-line independent dealers as well as parts-only independent dealers. Great Dane can be accessed on-line at [www.greatdanetrailers.com](http://www.greatdanetrailers.com).

### **About Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies**

Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies, headquartered in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, is the innovator and manufacturer of custom fiberglass, specialized refrigerated truck bodies and trailers that range from 8 to 36-ft. in length. The company's niche is the manufacture of quality, durable, custom engineered refrigerated truck bodies designed for many years of maintenance-free service. Markets for Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies include dairy, meat, frozen food, keg beer, live poultry, vending products, flowers and plants, and ice. Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies can be accessed on-line at [www.johnsontruckbodies.com](http://www.johnsontruckbodies.com).

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