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Bergström Appointed Vice President, Architectural Coatings, Latin America, and President, PPG Comex; Achar to Retire

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE:PPG) today announced that Henrik Bergström, chief commercial officer of PPG Comex, will become vice president, architectural coatings, Latin America, and president of PPG Comex effective July 1. Bergström will be based in Mexico City and report to PPG Chairman and CEO Michael McGarry. Marcos Achar Levy, current vice president, architectural coatings, Latin America, and chief executive officer of PPG Comex, will retire effective the same day.

Before joining PPG in his current position in April, Bergström was senior vice president of business development with AB Electrolux. He advanced through multiple leadership positions with that company, such as vice president of the Andean region, president of Latin America and Caribbean operations, global vice president for air care products and head of Asia sourcing operations, and president and CEO of small appliances.

Achar grew family-owned Comex – founded in 1952 by his uncle Jose Achar – into the No. 1 coatings company in the Mexico/Central America region, and among the largest brands in Mexico. He built upon that position with PPG Comex.

“Following PPG’s acquisition of the company in 2014, Marcos played a crucial leadership role in integrating Comex into the PPG family,” McGarry said. “We have benefited greatly from his depth of knowledge in many facets of high-quality customer service, branding, marketing, sales and people. Marcos’ unique partnership with concessionaires – an unparalleled network of retail stores that is more than 4,200 strong and continues to grow – is truly a global best practice in the industry. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him the very best.”

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