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**Kennard “Ken” Thole Joins Global Parts Network as Director of Business Development**

**Salt Lake City, Utah** – [Global Parts Network](#) has named Kennard “Ken” Thole as director of business development for the western half of the U.S. and Canada. Thole brings more than 30 years of heavy duty aftermarket experience to the position and will report to Jim Pennig, vice president of business development for [VIPAR Heavy Duty](#).

Most recently Thole was the western regional sales manager for Fras-le North America. He also has experience as the western regional manager for Carlisle Motion Control and as a partner with Robert Thole and Company, a heavy duty sales agency covering five western states.

“Ken is a self-motivated and results-driven sales professional that we are thrilled to welcome to our team,” said Pennig. “His past experience and industry knowledge related to brake and wheel-end product will be a great asset for the VIPAR Heavy Duty family of companies and Global Parts Network.”

Jay Pagano continues to serve as senior director of business development for Global Parts Network in the eastern half of the U.S. and Canada.

For more information about Global Parts Network, phone 866-941-2110 or visit [www.globalpartsnetwork.com](http://www.globalpartsnetwork.com). For more information on VIPAR Heavy Duty, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com) or email: [info@vipar.com](mailto:info@vipar.com).

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**Image attached:**

Kennard “Ken” Thole

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**About Global Parts Network**

Global Parts Network, LLC (GPN) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of VIPAR Heavy Duty that provides seamless service and support exclusively to the VIPAR Heavy Duty family of companies’ distributors and suppliers to satisfy the replacement parts needs of commercial vehicle operators and maintenance facilities. GPN operates Parts Distribution

Centers as well as its brake manufacturing production centers with a focus on new and remanufactured brake shoes, brake shoe kits, friction material and related parts. For more information, visit [www.globalpartsnetwork.com](http://www.globalpartsnetwork.com).

**About VIPAR Heavy Duty**

VIPAR Heavy Duty is North America's leading network of independent aftermarket truck parts distributors. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors serve the needs of their customers from over 500 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors are specialists who understand the demands of their local, regional, and national customers for quality parts and exceptional service. For more information, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com).

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