

# **THOR**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **TED BARTUS PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT, PURCHASING; CLARE WENTWORTH PREPARING TO RETIRE; WILL BE CONSULTANT**

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE:THO) announced today that Ted Bartus, currently National Purchasing Director, has been promoted to Vice President, Purchasing of Thor.

Ted, 36, joined Thor in 1999 and has done an exceptional job as lieutenant to Clare Wentworth, Senior Vice President, Purchasing, over the past four years.

Clare, 64, will work part-time after 12 years as head of Thor's purchasing, to spend more time with his family, including his 5 grandchildren, and to travel and pursue other leisure interests.

"Fortunately for us, Clare has agreed to be a consultant to the company. Clare is highly respected in our industry for his fairness, integrity, and knowledge. He has been a major contributor to Thor's success from the day he started. We wish him good luck and good health," said Wade F. B. Thompson, Thor Chairman.

Thor is the largest unit manufacturer of recreation vehicles and the largest builder of mid-size buses.

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