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**BRANDT NAMES INDUSTRY LEADER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Mike Barry, President of TradeMark Nitrogen, Joins BRANDT Board***

Springfield, Illinois (April, 30, 2014) – BRANDT today announced the appointment of another industry veteran to its board of directors. Mike Barry, President of TradeMark Nitrogen, will bring more than 30 years of experience in global agriculture to the BRANDT organization.

“As we grow our business around the world, we have to keep growing our leadership pool,” said Rick Brandt, President & CEO of BRANDT. “Mike provides the experience, talent and insight that will help us take BRANDT to the next level. He’s a high-integrity leader who knows how to set strategic direction.”

Joining ten other directors, Barry will serve a one-year term on the BRANDT Board. He was elected today by the BRANDT shareholders in their annual meeting.

Barry, 61, has been president of TradeMark Nitrogen for 15 months, after eight months as General Manager. Before joining TradeMark, Barry held numerous leadership positions in the agriculture industry with more than 30 years of production, engineering and managerial experience. Previously, he was with CoreAgri LLC in Hanford, CA. Barry now lives in Tampa with his wife, Barb.

“BRANDT is a global company with strong values and committed employees. I am excited to join the BRANDT board,” Barry said. “I see this as an opportunity to help set direction for one of the industry’s fastest-growing companies. I am humbled to be asked to serve, and I’m looking forward to contributing.”

Board committee responsibilities are still being determined for Barry.

“From the employee level up to the Board level, our goal is to attract the best and the brightest. And that’s not just in the Ag industry, that’s in any industry,” said Rick Brandt. “Mike fits that description to the letter. I’ve been working with him for more than two years at TradeMark and he just continues to impress me.”

At the same meeting, it was announced that Evelyn Brandt Thomas, one of the BRANDT co-founders, would leave the Board, maintaining her position as Board Secretary and taking on a consulting role. And after more than 50 years with the company and 48 years on the Board, Bill Wallner will also retire from the BRANDT Board.

### **About BRANDT**

A leading agricultural company, BRANDT consists of three divisions—Specialty Formulations, Retail Agronomy and Dealer Support—serving growers around the globe. Founded in 1953 by Glen Brandt and his sister Evelyn Brandt Thomas to help Illinois farmers adopt new and profitable technologies, the company has experienced aggressive growth under the leadership of President and CEO Rick Brandt. Innovation, technology and strong customer service are a few of the core beliefs that drive BRANDT today. BRANDT's focus is providing the products and services that give growers the best opportunity for maximum return while building a stronger, healthier and more abundant food supply. For more information, visit BRANDT on the web at: [www.brandt.co](http://www.brandt.co)

### **About TradeMark Nitrogen**

TradeMark Nitrogen Corporation is a wholesale manufacturer, seller and distributor of bulk commodities for industrial and agricultural customers throughout the U.S. With over 30 years of experience in the fertilizer industry, our highly trained staff has earned a reputation for reliability and performance. TradeMark is positioned to meet the demands that are required in a changing and expanding environment. TradeMark operates on a customer focused philosophy, open for business 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year to facilitate customer schedules and needs.

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