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Hillman Canada Invests in State-Of-The-Art Facility

- New location brings technology, opportunity and expansion potential -

TORONTO, Nov. 16, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Hillman Group, Inc. ("Hillman"), a leading solution provider to the retail hardware market, today announced that it will relocate its Canadian National Distribution Centre and Head Office to a newly designed 400,000 square foot facility in the Metro East Business Park in Toronto.

"Over the past two years, we have invested considerable time and resources implementing new sales processes, along with warehouse and forecasting systems across our existing branch network," says Scott Ride, President of Hillman Canada. "All of these system changes, in conjunction with the move to a new and expanded Western Regional Hub in Edmonton, Alberta, were developed with an eye to create an industry-leading distribution platform in the Canadian fastener and hardware market."

Now that construction of the 350-employed new facility is approaching completion, Hillman is entering the last phase of its Canadian modernization plan, consolidating seven operations around the Greater Toronto Area. Starting in early 2019, a phased move of the company's \$200+ million Canadian business will begin in the new location.

"This facility will be efficient, advanced, and – most important – will provide improved benefits for our customers, suppliers and staff," adds Ride. "Once the move is complete, we will be better able to leverage our investment and generate further operating efficiencies, which will help us achieve our primary goal – to be our customers' first choice for fasteners, fittings, automotive product and hardware in Canada."

The new facility is located at 1395 Tapscott Road, in Toronto.

About Hillman

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions, delivered with industry best customer service to over 26,000 customers. Hillman designs innovative product and merchandising solutions for complex categories that deliver an outstanding customer experience to home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores, and OEM & Industrial customers. Leveraging a world-class distribution and sales network, Hillman delivers a "small business" experience with "big business" efficiency.

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