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## Jennifer Abella named Vice President, People for global packaging solutions firm



ROMEDEVILLE, Ill. — August 18, 2016 — Pete Carlson, President of global packaging solutions firm BW Container Systems, is pleased to announce the promotion of Jennifer Abella to Vice President, People, effective immediately.

“Jennifer’s consistent focus on the development and growth of our people and culture has been an integral element of our success,” said Carlson. “She has been a vital leader on our executive team for many years and has made meaningful contributions to the direction of our business.”

Abella joined Barry-Wehmiller in 2004 as an Organizational Development Specialist on the Organizational Empowerment Team. She most recently served as the Director of Culture and People Development (CPD) for BW Container Systems, which is part of Barry-Wehmiller. In this role, Abella was instrumental in the development and execution of a number of innovative, inspiring CPD initiatives, such as BW Container Systems’ Aspiring Leaders Program, now in its second year.

“Barry-Wehmiller has a unique culture that strives to find harmony between people and performance,” stated Rhonda Spencer, Chief People Officer for Barry-Wehmiller. “Jennifer is a great example of the type of strategic leader who can help achieve that harmony.”

Abella will continue to lead global CPD functions for BW Container Systems and add several critical initiatives to her responsibilities, including leading the company’s Living Legacy of Leadership, or L<sup>3</sup> Journey, a strategy that fuses the Lean tools of improvement with a deep commitment to caring for people. “We look forward to Jennifer’s continued development of our CPD team, as well as her engagement in the direction of our L<sup>3</sup> Journey through a strong focus on operational excellence and building customer trust,” stated Carlson.

Abella has bachelor’s degrees in psychology and anthropology from the University of Virginia, and a Master of Business Administration from the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to joining Barry-Wehmiller, she spent several years running for-profit supplemental educational centers, where she gained invaluable leadership skills. Abella will continue to be based out of BW Container Systems’ Romeoville, Illinois, location.

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### ABOUT BW CONTAINER SYSTEMS

BW Container Systems is a global packaging machinery firm serving the food, beer and beverage, wine and spirits, personal care, pharmaceutical, and household products industries. Its complete range of integrated product solutions include but are not limited to automated can end and product handling systems, advanced conveyance technology, robotic technology, palletizers, depalletizers, change parts, as-is equipment and process technology. The combined experiences of the Ambec, CBI, Fleetwood and Goldco-Wyard teams has created a dynamic group committed to meeting market needs.

### ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of engineering consulting and manufacturing technology for the packaging, corrugating, sheeting and paper converting industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, Barry-Wehmiller has become a \$2+ billion organization with 11,000-plus team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. CEO Bob Chapman shares the story of the company’s transformation in his new book, [\*Everybody Matters: The Extraordinary Power of Caring for Your People Like Family\*](#). To learn more, go to [barrywehmiller.com](http://barrywehmiller.com).

