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James Thompson Named Ruppert Landscape Chief Financial Officer

Laytonsville, MD –Ruppert Landscape is pleased to announce the hiring of **James Thompson** as Chief Financial Officer.

Thompson brings over 20 years of finance, accounting and treasury experience to the position that ranges from the landscape and construction industries to the security and hotel industries. For the past eight years, he's worked in the pharmaceutical industry, most recently as the Vice President of Global Finance, Accounting, Treasury and Purchasing for the United States Pharmacopeia in Rockville, MD.

“Following the transition of former CFO Tom Barry to oversee of our Landscape Management Division, we began a thorough search for our new CFO,” said Phil Key, President. “One of the key things that drew us to James was his desire to function more in the capacity of an Operational CFO—meaning he intends to not only look at the numbers, but also at how our systems and processes, efficiencies and inefficiencies impact our operations. To that end, he'll spend much of his first few months immersing himself in our processes and operations to learn about Ruppert from the ground up.”

In his role as Chief Financial Officer, Thompson will oversee both the accounting and information technology departments and he will be responsible for planning, implementing, managing and controlling all financial-related activities of the company. This will include direct responsibility for accounting, finance, forecasting, strategic planning, job costing, legal, property management and deal analysis and negotiations.

A native of Texas, Thompson currently resides in Rockville, MD with his wife, Sako, and daughter, Maya. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and earned his Master of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Ruppert Landscape, a family and employee-owned business, provides commercial landscape construction and management with 19 branches serving eight primary markets in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte, Atlanta and Houston. The company has a long-standing tradition of growing its team and giving back to the community. Visit us at www.ruppertlandscape.com.

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