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For Immediate Release

Litehouse, Inc. in Sandpoint, Idaho is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Jim Frank to President. Jim joined Litehouse in 2006 as the Director of Sales and recently held the position of Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Jim came to Litehouse with more than 27 years of experience with Albertsons, starting as a grocery clerk during high school. He was produce sales manager in the Northwest, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah & Boise and lastly as Director of Fresh Merchandising for Albertsons.



Jim's appointment reflects the first time in the company's 50 year history that someone outside the Hawkins family has held the position of President. In 2006, Litehouse became an employee owned company when the owners Doug & Edward Hawkins and Wendell Christoff made the family business available to purchase by the employees.

"I am very pleased Jim has accepted this position" stated Edward Hawkins, Jr., C.E.O.

As my brother Doug & I transition out of the day to day running of the company, it was important to find someone who shared our values, our commitment to our employees, and had the passion to provide the highest quality products and service to the produce industry. With Jim's wealth of industry knowledge and great experience he is very qualified for the position. I am looking forward to working with him and for his immediate impact and support for our strategic initiatives and future growth."

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