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## Unified Screening & Crushing Chief Operating Officer Joins Board of American Wire Cloth Institute

Unified Screening & Crushing, a premier manufacturer of screening and sizing media and supplier of crusher wear parts, announced Andrew Lentsch, Unified's Chief Operating Officer, has been named Vice President of the American Wear Cloth Institute (AWCI).

Founded by a group of wire cloth producers in 1933, the American Wire Cloth Institute continues to establish, sustain and promote the standards for wire cloth sold throughout North America.

Andrew Lentsch is the second generation of Unified leadership serving the AWCI. Both his father, Tom Lentsch, and his uncle, Greg Lentsch, served as President of the organization.

"I am proud to represent Unified on the board of the AWCI. We are one of the few remaining family-owned companies in our industry and wire cloth has been a staple product in our 150-years of serving the sand and gravel and mining industries," said Lentsch.

"The past twenty-four months have been challenging for many businesses in our country," said Lentsch. "We were proud to serve our customers who remain a part of our country's Essential Critical Infrastructure. And, to continue to manufacture woven screen cloth here, in the United States is important – to us and to our customers."

Unified products are used heavily in the aggregate and mining industry as well as in production of concrete, cement and associated products. Roads, infrastructure and construction have been designated as critical operations to remain open during the pandemic. Woven wire cloth is also used in the filtering and straining processes for: producing pharmaceuticals, agriculture, food

processing, water processing facilities, elements of the aerospace and defense industries, and by companies producing frac sand used in the U.S. oil and gas industry.

Lentsch noted that one of Unified's most popular woven wire products - Tufflex<sup>™</sup> Wire – recently celebrated 25 years. Tufflex is a wire screen cloth that boosts production for in-demand abrasive rock.

"It's really the workhorse of Unified's woven wire product line," said Lentsch. "Especially for customers who are screening highly abrasive rock, Tufflex offers greater longevity of the wire screen, which can dramatically reduce downtime and boost productivity."

What is every producer looking for? asked Lentsch. "They want less downtime from screen change outs, consistency in sizing, and lowering their costs per ton." Tufflex meets all three of those requirements, he said. "That's why it's still a best-seller more than twenty-five years later."

Lentsch said he looks forward to the cooperative efforts of the AWCI to meet today's rapidlychanging business environments and advancing wire cloth technology.



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**About Unified Screening & Crushing**: Unified Screening & Crushing is a family-owned, industryleading group of screening and sizing media manufacturers across the United States, with 14 production facilities throughout the country. In addition to manufacturing hundreds of thousands of wire, urethane, and rubber screen media products, Unified maintains one of the largest inventories of crusher wear parts.

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