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**Thorntons Inc Names Tony Harris President**

**(Louisville, KY, July 1, 2014).** Thorntons' is proud to announce that Chief Operating Officer, Tony Harris will take over as President of the convenience store chain in October. Matt Thornton, who holds the current CEO and President role, will continue as the CEO.

Harris, 43, is a 20-year Thorntons veteran and a 1993 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a degree in Management Information Systems. He obtained his Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2012.

"We are excited to appoint Tony as our new President. His leadership and experience are perfectly aligned with our future strategy and growth plans," stated Matt Thornton.

Thorntons is also pleased to announce that Mike Woerner, Chief People Officer will take over as Chief Operating Officer in October. Woerner joined Thorntons in 2009 with 30 years of retail experience at Wawa and Dollar General. He holds a Masters of Business Administration from St. Joseph's University.

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Founded by Kentucky native James H. Thornton in 1971, Thorntons Inc. is one of the leading independent gasoline and convenience chain retailers in the U.S., currently operating throughout the Midwest under the brand name Thorntons. Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons operates over 174 gasoline and convenience stores, car washes and travel plazas in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Florida and Tennessee. For more information visit [www.thorntonsinc.com](http://www.thorntonsinc.com) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc](http://www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc](http://www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc).