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Elkay Plumbing Products Sells Canadian Operations


Elkay Plumbing Products Division said Mar. 20 it had completed the sale of its Elkay Canada Ltd. operations to Novanni Stainless Inc., a newly formed company owned by Oakville Stamping and Bending Ltd., founded in 1975, and Supreme Metal Products Inc., founded in 1985.

"We clearly see this move as the best strategy for Elkay to continue to grow in the Canadian marketplace," said Elkay plumbing

products division president, Steve Rogers. "This sale enables Elkay to continue to distribute high-quality products to our Canadian customers."

OS&B, a privately held company, is Canada's largest manufacturer of overflows, traps, lavatory drains, tubular brass fittings and flexible supply hoses. Supreme Metal Products Inc., also a privately held company, is Canada's largest manufacturer of sink strainers.

Novanni Stainless Inc. will continue to serve Elkay Canada Ltd.'s Canadian customers by manufacturing Wessan, AMI and other Elkay branded products in the Coldwater, Ontario facility and distributing Elkay branded products throughout Canada as Elkay's exclusive distributor.



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Elkay Manufacturing Co's **Walter E. Reilly**, corporate vice president and chief human resources officer, announced a planned retirement from Elkay in late March. Reilly's role at Elkay included activities such as labor and employee relations, organization and leadership development and employee health and wellness. In 2003, as a result of his leadership in employee wellness, Elkay was awarded the Well Workplace Gold Award by the Wellness Councils of America, and in 2005, the Right Workplace Award by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Reilly also served as a member of Elkay's Executive Council. In retirement, Reilly plans to spend more time with his family and continue on as the Chairman of the Lincoln Foundation, among other educational, charitable and philanthropic activities.