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A. M. CASTLE & CO. ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF LAWRENCE A. BOIK

FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 – A. M. CASTLE & CO. (AMEX: CAS) The Board of Directors of A. M. Castle & Co., a North American distributor of highly engineered metals and plastics, today announced the promotion of Lawrence A. Boik, to the position of Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Treasurer. Mr. Boik will be replacing Edward F. Culliton who has been in the position for the past 27 years. This change will be effective October 1, 2004. Mr. Culliton will be retiring in February 2005 and will be serving in the capacity of Vice President and Special Assistant to the CEO until his retirement.

In making the announcement, G. Thomas McKane, Chairman & CEO, stated that this succession represents the completion of a planned restructuring of the finance and accounting responsibilities at the Company which was initiated in 2003 with the hiring of Mr. Boik as Vice President, Controller & Treasurer. Mr. Boik was previously the Vice President of Finance and CFO of Meridian Rail Corporation prior to joining Castle.

Mr. Boik will report to McKane, and will have overall financial responsibility for the primary business, Castle Metals, as well as subsidiaries including Total Plastics, Inc., Castle de Mexico, Metal Express, LLC, Oliver Steel Plate Co. and the joint venture, Kreher Steel, LLC.

Founded in 1890, A. M. Castle & Co. provides highly engineered materials and value added services to a wide range of companies within the producer durable equipment sector of the economy. Its customer base includes many Fortune 500 companies as well as thousands of medium and smaller-sized firms spread across a wide spectrum of industries. Within its core metals business, it specializes in the distribution of carbon, alloy and stainless steels; nickel alloy; aluminum; copper and brass. Through its subsidiary, Total Plastics, Inc., the Company also distributes a broad range of value-added industrial plastics. Together, Castle operates over 60 locations throughout North America. Its common stock is traded on the American and Chicago Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "CAS".