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# Press Release

## **MFRI, Inc. Names Bradley E. Mautner President, Chief Operating Officer**

**NILES, IL, December 3, 2004** - MFRI, Inc. announced today that its Board of Directors has elected Executive Vice President Bradley E. Mautner to the position of President and to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer. MFRI's Chairman, David Unger, retains his responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer.

"Brad Mautner's election as President and Chief Operating Officer contributes to the continuity and succession of MFRI management," Unger said. "Brad earned both a Mechanical Engineering Degree and a Masters in Business Administration from Washington University in Saint Louis. He has devoted his entire career of over 25 years to the Company and its predecessors, steadily assuming greater responsibilities. He knows MFRI's businesses, and has earned the respect of the Company's Board of Directors and the senior management of its businesses," Unger continued.

In his new position, Mautner will be responsible for MFRI's day to day operations, while Unger will devote his attention to special projects, corporate strategy and longer term considerations

MFRI, Inc. (NASDAQ NM: MFRI) is a leading manufacturer of custom-designed industrial filtration products, specialty piping systems and industrial process cooling equipment.

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