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**Republic Industries and Elite Multifamily Interiors
Names Duane Pekar President & CEO**

ADDISON, Texas (January 12, 2016) – Republic Industries, a leading national provider of multi-family interiors, today announced that it has hired Executive Duane Pekar to serve as the company’s new President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pekar will lead the 40-year-old organization’s continued growth in producing and selling competitively priced, top-quality cabinets and countertops to multi-family companies across the United States. Pekar will also lead Republic Industries’ sister company, Elite Multifamily Interiors, LLC.

“We are thrilled to bring in a leader of Duane’s caliber to Republic Industries,” says Chairman Kevin Smith. “His strong operations background coupled with a proven track record in successfully leading a wide range of companies will provide critical experience and leadership as we streamline and strengthen operations to support our customers going forward.”

Pekar brings to Republic Industries more than 25 years of experience across a broad range of operating platforms, ranging from large multi-national companies, to smaller, middle-market companies. Most recently, he served as President and CEO of MB Precision Holdings – the parent organization of Midstate Machine, CalRam and McSwain Manufacturing.

He has also held multiple senior positions in engineering, operations, product line management, marketing and business development. Pekar holds a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from General Motors Institute, and a master’s in business from the MIT Sloan School of Management.

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