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Jim Cook is Director of the Ernst & Young Global Consumer Products Center. He has 35 years of experience, including 20 years in Global Client Service Partner roles for major clients such as Whirlpool Corporation, McDonald’s Corporation, S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Chiquita Brands International, Inc, and others. Through these and other relationships, Jim has developed a deep understanding of global business issues.

Jim’s experience in serving global clients and his familiarity with international accounting and business issues has enabled him to successfully advise clients on significant international transactions and other matters. He frequently travels internationally to serve clients, and to fulfill his role as Global Director.

Over the years, Jim has held a variety of responsibilities at Ernst & Young. In particular, he served as Americas Director of Industries, and as Regional Director of Assurance and Advisory Business Services. In these roles, he was deeply involved in the development and implementation of numerous Americas-wide strategy, operations and client service initiatives. Jim also has held various roles related to the recruiting and development of our people. Jim has been a member of the Global Accounts Advisory Group, and has been involved in various activities relating to the development of assurance services for global clients.

Jim is a 1971 graduate of the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) and holds a B.S. degree in Accountancy. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the University’s College of Business Dean’s Council, past president of the Business Alumni Association, and past member of the Board of the University Alumni Association. Each year, he lectures at the University on a variety of accounting and auditing topics. Jim also has served on the boards of several Chicago-based charitable and non-profit organizations, including Inroads and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Jim is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.