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## For Immediate Release

### Appointment Global Managing Director at Valéron Strength Films

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Valéron Strength Films is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Umesh Mishra as the new Global General Manager at Valéron Strength Films, a division of ITW (Illinois Tool Works).

Mr. Umesh Mishra assumed global responsibility for all business units of Valéron Strength Films in the US, Belgium and China starting July 15<sup>th</sup>. Major tasks will include integration of Belgium, China and US business units under one global umbrella, implementing the ITW Enterprise Strategy across Valeron globally, and focussing on healthy growth through innovation and expansion into new markets.

Umesh began his ITW career in 2010 and has held varying leadership roles within the ITW Technology Center and the Automotive Segment. Prior to ITW, Umesh worked in engineering and program management positions.

Umesh Mishra has a BE in Mechanical Engineering from the National Institute of Technology in India, a MS in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University and a MBA in Management Strategy from Kellogg School of Management.

We welcome Umesh Mishra on board of Valéron Strength Films.

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*Valéron Strength Films, with locations in Houston (TX), Essen (Belgium) and Shanghai (China), is the single source supplier of Valéron® film, an unique cross-laminated, flexible polyethylene specialty film showing high mechanical properties that can be found in a number of very demanding applications worldwide in e.g. construction, specialty packaging and print media. Valéron Strength Films is a Division of Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE: ITW), a Fortune 150 company based in Glenview, IL with net sales of \$18 billion USD and more than 60,000 employees worldwide. For more information, please visit our website: [www.valeron.com](http://www.valeron.com)*

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