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The undersigned acted as financial advisor to Morton Manufacturing Company in this transaction.



THE CHICAGO CORPORATION

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Chicago - October 13, 2011, The Chicago Corporation, an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm, announced today that it advised Morton Manufacturing Company in its sale to Jason Incorporated. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Headquartered in Libertyville, IL, Morton Manufacturing Company is a leading manufacturer of slip-resistant grating used in various transportation, industrial, agricultural and railroad freight car applications. Founded in 1903, the fourth generation family business is a market leader with national recognition for its brands, quality, service and value.

Jason Incorporated, headquartered in Milwaukee, WI, is the parent company to a global family of manufacturing leaders in the seating, finishing, components and automotive acoustics markets. Morton will function as a stand-alone organization under the Jason Components Group, joining Assembled Products (Buffalo Grove, Ill.), which creates

custom engineered solutions for various industries; Jason Precision Components (Shanghai, China), which offers low-cost manufacturing and sourcing; and Metalex (Libertyville, Ill.), a leading manufacturer of expanded and perforated metals. The addition of Morton to the Components portfolio allows Jason to expand its capabilities in metal conversion, increase the number of end markets it serves, and create increased value for existing customers.

Acquisitions are a key element of Jason's aggressive corporate growth strategy. "We're continuously on the search for successful businesses that complement our expertise and support our goal of being the leader in best-in-class customer solutions," said David Westgate, chairman, CEO and president of Jason Incorporated. "Simultaneously, we're focused on operational excellence and innovation to ensure the continuation of organic growth."

Tom Denison, Managing Director of The Chicago Corporation added, "We are very pleased to have represented Morton on this transaction. Jason was the best fit among the many interested potential buyers, both strategically and culturally. Both companies should derive great benefits from each other's capabilities and strengths through this combination."

### **About The Chicago Corporation**

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