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National Beef Promotes Klein to CEO

National Beef Packing Co. LLC has promoted Tim Klein to president and CEO and named him as a member of the board.

Klein had been the Kansas City-based company's president and COO since 1997. He succeeds John Miller, who was CEO for 17 years. Miller is now a consultant to the company and remains on its board.

"We have had a succession plan in place for years, which included the continued development of our management staff to fulfill the leadership needs of an ever-changing and growing company," Steve Hunt, chairman of National Beef and CEO of Kansas City-based U.S. Premium Beef LLC, said in a Monday release.

National Beef has operations in Kansas City, Kan.; St. Joseph; Liberal and Dodge City, Kan.; Brawley, Calif.; Hummels Wharf, Pa.; and Moultrie, Ga. The company had sales of \$5.8 billion in fiscal 2008.

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