

**EDITORIAL BACKGROUNDER
L&W STONE CORPORATION**

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

Scott Laine, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, has more than 20 years of experience in trucking, retail, mining and distribution. His career began with hands-on experience in trucking and distribution for a landscape masonry supply company, and he managed an export/import receiving and packaging division for a plumbing wholesale company. In 1986, he purchased and then operated John E. Williams Rock Company in Northern California. In 1989, he merged the Rock Company with Weaver Salvage to form L&W Decorative Rock and Firewood, a General Partnership. In 1993, he formed a joint venture with Vortex Industries and Genesis Stone to form Three Rivers Stone Distributors, Inc. Scott Laine was President of the Corporation and was responsible for all mine development, sales, and distribution as well as corporate management. In 1996, he merged Three Rivers Stone Distributors, Inc., Genesis Stone and L&W Decorative Rock and Firewood to form L&W Stone Corporation. Scott Laine has been the primary individual with full management authority for the company. He developed and designed the largest tumbler in the country and created all systems for production facilities. He has created and managed the business processes. He also managed relationships with all applicable government agencies. His marketing strategy and manufacturing efficiency protocols have helped him lead the company to sustained growth of revenues and profitability. Scott Laine conceptualized and created Ultimate Pond Products.

Michele Laine, Chief Information Officer, Vice President of Finance, Corporate Secretary, received her B.A. in education from the University of California, Irvine in 1992. From 1992 to 1994 she built and profitably managed a retail outlet for a trucking related business. In 1994 she joined L&W Decorative Rock and Firewood as the accounting manager. In addition to accounting management, Michele was responsible for compliance with all government and accounting regulations. In 1996, when L&W Stone Corporation was formed, Michele became controller and corporate secretary. In this capacity she managed the creation and advancement of the administrative foundation for this entire corporation. This included management of information systems and protocol development, dispatch, inventory control, human resources, inside sales and the corporate brand. Her continual contributions to improve efficiencies and profitability in this rapidly growing corporation resulted in her promotion to Vice President of Finance and Chief Information Officer in 2002. Michele Laine has been a critical member of the executive team since the inception of L&W Stone and managed government, financial and legal compliance through the evolution of partnerships, mergers and incorporations including T.D.S., LLC, Laine Investment Co., WLT Trucking Corporation and Three Rivers Stone Corporation.

Jack Kavanaugh, Director, Consultant, received his M.B.A. from U.C.L.A. in 1984. As a former director of International Strategy Consulting Group (ISCG), together with his partner, Manuel Monroy (a former director and managing partner of McKinsey International for 15 years), he developed a consulting firm with 39 consultants and offices in Los Angeles and Mexico City. The firm performed management consulting, strategic analysis and planning, financial analysis and merger and acquisition activities for clients. Projects included the merger that created CEMEX, one of the largest cement companies in the world; restructure of the Mexican tuna fishing industry and their \$1 billion debt; the U.S. beef industry; Merck pharmaceutical's Latin American merger; and others. He was honored as the keynote speaker in 1986 Mexican Annual National Chemical Producers Conference and Symposium. He brought Tech Team Global public and served on the Board of Directors. He founded and served as C.E.O. of ADC, a management service organization, in 1996, that sold a significant portion of its operations in 1999 for over 25 times the capitalization of the entire company. He has performed a number of corporate restructurings and turnarounds and currently serves as a director on 5 corporate boards.

Ben Presley, Chief Operating Officer, majored in Business Management in Santa Rosa Jr. College and earned a Level II Master Grad from Rapport Leadership International. In 1989, he joined The Bench Collection Company in the position of plant supervisor. In 1991, the company was acquired by Advanced Manufacturing and Development and he was offered an advanced position of production planner, relocated, and was again advanced to production supervisor. He acted as well as R&D manager. He was the responsible individual for creating successful compliance with the ISO 9002 program. He left the company in 1998, when he became production manager of Advanced Equipment System's which he left in 2001 to join L&W in the position of production and distribution manager. He quickly took on the additional role of development manager, and he was jointly responsible with Scott Laine for conceptualizing and implementing Ultimate Pond Products. In 2003, he was promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer.

Daniel M. Davis, Controller, received a B.S. in accounting from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1969. From 1969 to 1975 he started as a staff accountant with the international accounting firm of Main LaFrantz & Co and was quickly hired by Daniel K. Ludwig (then touted as the richest man in the world), for whom he became a corporate controller. He moved to California in 1975, where after continuing as a corporate controller for 4 more years, he established and operated his own businesses in the commodity brokerage and retail photo processing businesses until 2001 when he joined the L&W Stone Corporation as an accountant. He was promoted to corporate controller in January 2003.

Steve Petersen, COO Quarry Operations, joined L&W Stone in 2000 bringing 16 years of experience in mining and construction with a specialization in award winning drilling and blasting techniques. Steve's management contributions have resulted in some incredible improvements to Quarry Operations. He has reduced production costs by 30%, which he achieved by designing and introducing new stone harvesting procedures. Equipment down-time has been reduced by 60% as a result of his implementation of a demanding equipment maintenance procedure. Steve's efforts in mining safety vastly decreased the MSHA violations and Three Rivers Quarry is now one of the safest quarries in the Nation. MSHA presented Steve an award in 2005 for his achievement of 20,000 man hours with no reportable or lost time accidents. Promoted from General Manager & Director of Safety to COO Quarry Operations in 2004, Steve currently oversees all aspects of three quarries including full budget and revenue responsibility.

Jamie Sutton, Sales & Purchasing Manager

As one of the early employees of L&W Stone, Jamie has an extensive understanding of the Industry, company and products. He was educated at Butte College and has six years of tenure at L&W Stone. He brought retail masonry supply experience to L&W when he began in 1999. Starting as a business generalist, his responsibilities covered a broad range including sales, trucking and purchasing. As the company grew, Jamie's talents were focused on inside and outside sales, trucking and training for all of California. Jamie was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager in July of 2004 and quickly demonstrated the ability to consistently exceed goals. In January of 2005, he was promoted to Sales & Purchasing Manager overseeing two departments and responsible for quarterly revenue targets.