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AI Leadership Names Jon Stephens Chief Operating Officer

Houston, Texas: Kicking off the new year with a bang, Jon Stephens took the reins as the company's new Chief Operating Officer. Stephens' long-standing tenure with Avangard Innovative (AI) began in 1997 when he started his career in sales in plastic scrap marketing. His position grew along with the company into recycling, equipment sales, OCC, metals and eventually landed him the role of Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing before being named COO.

When asked what he is most proud of over the past 20 years of service with AI, he responded, "I am most proud of the growth of this company that has become a leader within an industry which continues to evolve itself."

Jon eagerly looks forward to this new role and the opportunities it brings. Despite the challenges that arise from a rapidly growing company in an ever-changing industry, he is determined to push the envelope of where AI can grow as a company. In this new role as COO, he is spearheading the opening of the Natura PCR™ (Post-Consumer Resin) Plant based in Houston as his most recent project. Stephens stated, "Our PCR plant is a state of the art facility, where we have invested in technology to provide a high-quality pellet for the film and extrusion markets to further our industry's Circular Economy goals.". He is equally excited about the opportunities to come from the launch of AI's new analytics software, Sustayn™. This high-tech application will allow Team AI to better serve its Environmental Partners on all levels of the recycling process.

Mr. Stephens has made a few personal commitments as well in his new role. He is committed to leading his team to feel empowered and inspired to learn. Ensuring that individuals grow in their careers and find personal fulfillment at AI will lead to even greater success for the company, and he is invested in making that happen.

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