

## **CASTILANO PROMOTED TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

***Pittsburgh, PA, January 2, 2008– Resco Products, Inc., Pittsburgh today announced that John Castilano has been promoted to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) reporting to William K. Brown, Resco’s President and CEO. In his new position John will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Resco with the manufacturing, sales and marketing, research and product development and technology functions reporting to him.***

***“The promotion of John Castilano to COO will allow me to devote more time to strategic issues related to the company’s future growth and long term viability,” Mr. Brown commented. “In addition, I believe it is important to the various Resco stakeholder groups that clear lines of succession are established for key management positions. Since graduation from college John has many years of experience in various key positions in the refractories industry which will provide a strong base for him to be successful as Resco’s new COO.”***

***John Castilano joined Resco in 2000 as Vice-President, Manufacturing, and was named its Executive Vice-President, Operations, in 2006. From 1997 – 2000, John was Executive Operations Manager at Harbison-Walker Refractories. In this capacity he was responsible for nine manufacturing plants in the US and three in Canada which collectively generated approximately \$180 million in annual sales. John was Team Leader of the Plant Consolidation Team as part of Harbison-Walker’s acquisition of A. P. Green Refractories in mid-1998. Prior to this promotion within Harbison-Walker, John spent 23 years with H-W and held various positions of increasing responsibility from Production Supervisor up to Area Production Manager. John graduated from Alfred University with a bachelor’s degree in ceramic engineering.***

***Resco Products, Inc. is a leading supplier of refractories in North America. Resco serves major industries such as steel, copper, nickel, aluminum, hydrocarbon processing, and cement. The product lines offered include magnesite brick, magnesite-chrome brick, magnesite-carbon brick, alumina-magnesite-carbon brick, alumina brick, clay-alumina specialties (gunning mixes, castables, plastics, ram mixes, and mortars), precast shapes, basic specialties, extruded cartop shapes, and minerals. Resco has also added dolomite, silicon carbide, alumina-graphite, cordierite, and insulating firebrick.***

***Resco Products, Inc. is a privately-owned company with headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA. They have operating plants in Oak Hill and East Canton, OH; Marelán, Quebec; Hillsborough, NC; New Cumberland, WV; Hammond, IN; Santa Fe Springs, CA; and Greensboro, NC. Resco also has a plant located in the East Midlands of the U. K. Recent acquisitions have added operating plants at Tarentum, PA; Newell, WV; New Castle, PA (2); Massillon, OH; and Wellston, OH.***