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National Trench Safety (NTS) Announces New Chief Financial Officer, Van Welch

Houston, Texas- May 11, 2022- National Trench Safety (NTS), a leader in trench safety solutions, and a Tailwind Capital owned business, is pleased to announce the appointment of Van Welch as Chief Financial Officer. Van is responsible for finance, accounting, and compliance. He will also play a key role in mergers and acquisitions. As a senior member of the executive team Van reports directly to CEO Phil Mason.

Van comes to National Trench Safety with more than 30 years of extensive financial and operational experience. Prior to NTS, he was the Executive Vice President and CFO at Mobile Mini, Inc. Through his collaborative partnership with the Board and senior leadership, the company achieved double digit revenue and EBITDA growth of over 500 basis points and increased cash flow by over 90%. For a decade prior, Van acted as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Willsbros Group, Inc. a specialty energy infrastructure contractor servicing the oil, gas, refinery, and power industries. In this role, he developed operational and financial strategic plans to improve processes, enable sustainable growth, drive revenue improvement and successfully led multiple mergers. This resulted in the company growing from \$600M to \$2B in revenue. Prior to Mobile Mini and Willsbros Group, Van held multiple finance and accounting leadership roles within Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR), spanning a 25+ year tenure. Starting as an Accountant, he was promoted to an Assistant Controller role based in Europe before returning to the US. He progressed through multiple business unit and finance leadership roles before his final role as the Senior Vice President, Accounting and Finance for the KBR group.

Van holds a BBA degree in Accounting from Stephen F. Austin and is a Certified Public Accountant.

About National Trench Safety

Based in Houston, Texas, NTS is a leading independent national provider of trench safety and traffic control solutions with a broad portfolio of road plates, trench boxes, hydraulic shoring, slide rails, manholes, beams, guide frames and sheeting. NTS serves approximately 8,000 customers from coast to coast, through a network of 60+ branch locations across the United States and 2 UK based branches.

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