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### **DEREK E. SLAUGHTER NAMED NEW VICE PRESIDENT**

ROANOKE, VA., (Jan. 13, 2016) – Industrial Process Support Services, Inc. announced today the appointment of Derek E. Slaughter as Vice President. Slaughter's appointment is effective January 6, 2016.

During his 5 years with IPSS, Slaughter has made significant contributions to system and model development, pioneering new technologies and procedures to advance IPSS's capabilities. He also co-authored the paper, *A Strip Crown Model Based on the Finite Element and Response Surface Methods*, which was presented at the 2012 AISTech Conference. "This is an exciting time for IPSS as we branch out into PC platforms, web-based interfaces, and model optimization using evolutionary algorithms," said Slaughter.

Prior to joining IPSS, Slaughter worked for the Rockwell Collins Training & Simulation division designing flight simulator components. Slaughter graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2009 with a master's degree in mechanical engineering specializing in finite element analysis. His thesis work, developing a finite element model of the roll-stack for accurate strip crown prediction, was funded by IPSS.

#### **About Industrial Process Support Services, Inc.**

Founded in 1985, IPSS provides on-site support to customers in the metals industry by continuously improving process models, control systems, and rolling mill operations. Our projects range from process and system analysis to control system design and development. We constantly review the latest control theory to develop better modeling techniques. IPSS emphasizes engineering above all else. To learn more about the company, please visit: [www.ipssinc.com](http://www.ipssinc.com) or contact Thomas Ranger at 540-989-8607.

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