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### **Kwik Lok announces the appointment of Sheila Stafford to the Board of Directors**

*A driving force in manufacturing, Sheila will serve as a key strategic advisor to the company as it continues to revolutionize the future of the packaging industry*

YAKIMA, WA., (May 13, 2024) – Sheila Stafford, CEO and Co Founder, [TeamSense](#), the app-free platform connecting hourly employees and their companies, has joined the board of directors for Kwik Lok Corporation based in Yakima, Wash. A visionary leader in product design manufacturing innovation and development, Sheila has worked directly in each line of the P&L and forged two successful companies that directly address customer and warehouse manager pain points, driving impactful change. With more than 20 years of experience across manufacturing and technology, Sheila will serve as a key advisor to Kwik Lok's team, playing an integral role in the evolution of the company by providing strategic guidance to continue innovating the packaging industry.

*"I've been a long-time champion of Kwik Lok, seen their product's impact firsthand, and had the pleasure of witnessing their growth," said Sheila. "I'm excited to serve the company as part of its Board of Directors and help usher in their next chapter of innovation," shared Stafford.*

Before joining Kwik Lok's Board of Directors, Sheila had a storied history working with America's biggest companies and industry powerhouses including General Motors and Whirlpool Corporation, where she managed product development for the multibillion-dollar North American Refrigeration business, and Fluke Corporation, where she was at the helm of one of the brand's most successful product launches. In addition, Sheila founded TeamSense to solve the largest issues plaguing companies: absenteeism and digital connection.

*"At TeamSense, Sheila has mastered her skills in fostering positive workplace cultures and optimizing operational processes, making her a natural fit for Kwik Lok Corporation's commitment to its employees. Her unwavering commitment to creating a conducive and empowering environment resonates deeply with the company's mission and values. As Sheila assumes her role on Kwik Lok Corporation's board of directors, she will undoubtedly contribute immensely to the company's growth and success," said Kimberly Paxton-Hagner, board chair, Kwik Lok.*

Sheila holds an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor's degree of Science in Engineering from Duke University. Sheila's journey to executive leadership has been driven by her determination, entrepreneurial spirit, and invaluable experiences. From her humble beginnings in Buffalo, New York, she credits her father's influence as a factory worker and master electrician for instilling in her a strong work ethic. When she is not mastering new technology and programs for America's largest manufacturing companies, you can find Sheila channeling her competitive spirit from her college athlete days, avidly supporting the Blue Devils and all of women's sports.

## **About Kwik Lok**

Founded in 1954, Kwik Lok is the global market leader in bag closures. The company produces billions of bag closures every year for baking and produce industries and the machinery for customers to print and apply closures. Kwik Lok brings 70 years of expertise to deliver advanced engineering and trusted design. Kwik Lok is owned by third-generation family leadership, with a vision to drive greater sustainability in the industry. Learn more at [www.kwiklok.com](http://www.kwiklok.com).

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