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EANS-Adhoc: gategroup Appoints Goeke Group SVP & President, North America

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ZURICH, Dec. 20, 2011 -- gategroup, the world's leading independent provider of onboard products and services for passengers, has appointed Doug Goeke as Group Senior Vice President and President of its North America region.

Goeke, 46, has been serving as President and Managing Director for Gate Gourmet Canada since November 2010 and has been instrumental in successfully leading the integration of the acquisition of Cara Airline Solutions.

In his new role effective Jan. 1, 2012, Goeke will continue to have oversight of Canada as well as direct responsibility for all of the Gate Gourmet's U.S. operations. He continues to report to gategroup Chief Executive Officer Andrew Gibson and becomes a member of the gategroup Executive Management Board, also on Jan. 1.

Goeke joined gategroup as the Chief Financial Officer for Gate Gourmet's North America region in 2003. Previously, he held progressively responsible financial positions with The Lincoln Electric Company and earlier worked with the international accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University and a Master's in Finance from the London Business School, and is a CPA.

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