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M. A. SILVA USA CONTINUES TO EXPAND TEAM

Santa Rosa, CA, February 2, 2016 – M. A. Silva USA is pleased to announce the hiring of Brian Perry as Assistant Operation Manager and John Holmes as Accounting Manager.

Brian brings extensive project and operations management experience to this newly created position, most recently serving as Government and Bid Project Representative at Leete Generators of Santa Rosa. He also spent considerable time overseas in the humanitarian and emergency aid sector. In his new role, Brian will serve as assistant to Michael Riel, Chief Operating Officer of M. A. Silva. “I am very excited to have Brian on board,” said Michael. “This will provide me with the opportunity to focus on the anticipated growth of our company.” Brian grew up in Sebastopol and attended university and grad school in San Diego. Contact Brian at 707.508.3302 or bperry@masilva.com.

John brings 14 years of accounting experience to his new role. Prior to joining M. A. Silva he served 11 years as Accounting Manager at Paul Hobbs Winery. “I came to M. A. Silva because of the outstanding reputation for quality and being one of the best places to work,” said John. John grew up in Sonoma County and will finish his business degree at Sonoma State University in May. Contact John at 707.293.2701 or jholmes@masilva.com.

M. A. Silva’s unique approach to providing superior cork combined with wine bottles engineered for an ideal seal has led to an unprecedented growth. “It is amazing to see the remarkable expansion of the company I started in my basement 16 years ago,” said Neil Foster, President of M. A. Silva. “During the last year we significantly expanded our facility and added 11 team members to serve the growing business. With our dedicated team we are well-positioned to continue providing superior cork and wine bottles combined with our exceptional customer service.”

About M. A. Silva USA: Based in Sonoma County, California, M. A. Silva USA is a leading manufacturer of premium natural corks, glass and packaging for North American markets. Its quality-assurance program ensures unmatched visual, mechanical and sensory characteristics of its products, and its **proprietary cork cleaning processes** are world-renowned. Recently, the company unveiled its newest technology with the implementation of a fully automated individual cork

testing method to deliver **100% TCA inspected corks**, once again demonstrating to be an industry leader. The company operates on 100% solar power and is committed to sustainability and eco-friendly operations. M. A. Silva earned both *Sonoma Green Business Program* and *ClimateSmart™* certifications. The company has been named **Best Cork Supplier 2013** by the *North Bay Business Journal* and **Best Cork and Best Bottle Supplier 2013 & 2015** by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine. It is a five-time winner of the **North Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work**. For more information visit www.masilva.com or call 707.636.2530.

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