



## **J.S. Held Expands Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) Division**

**Jericho, NY – December 9, 2016** – J.S. Held LLC, a leading national construction consulting firm, has announced that it has expanded its Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) specialized services division with the addition of two seasoned professionals, Directors Paul Christoferson and Troy Bradley. They join the current team of experts, each of whom has more than 25 years of real world experience designing, installing, and repairing these systems.

The MEP Division consults on the required scope and price of mechanical and electrical systems found in commercial and industrial applications, including hospitals, pharmaceutical facilities, labs, data centers, shopping malls, and office and government buildings. They provide assessments on any property that has sustained a loss due to HVAC, electrical distribution equipment, medical and lab gases, building management systems, fire protection and alarm systems, boilers and chillers, or plumbing systems issues.

Industry expert and long-time J.S. Held executive Peter Cornet will serve as Business Practice Leader of the newly enhanced MEP Division. Cornet brings with him 25 years of experience in mechanical contracting and general construction, with extensive expertise in project management and estimating on large commercial HVAC and plumbing projects.

“As mechanical and electrical systems are becoming more complex, specialized, and expensive, our clients need to more clearly understand the extent of damages to these systems, their repair options and accurate costs of restoration,” said Jon Held, President and Chief Executive Officer of J.S. Held. “Peter has been involved in all facets of the construction consulting process and is well-positioned to lead this team.”

“Having a dedicated team focused on MEP issues will allow J.S. Held to deliver a wider range of services, ensure faster and more accurate loss values for clients, and help avoid supplemental claims, particularly on atypical losses,” said Cornet. “By working with contractors on site, we can ensure proper scope of work and avoid unnecessary replacement of equipment that can be repaired to pre-loss condition.”

Christoferson joins J.S. Held with more than 30 years of electrical construction experience, with extensive practical knowledge relating to installations, cost estimating, inspections, design, and the development of electrical facilities maintenance programs. Bradley has over 25 years of experience in the electrical construction and industrial manufacturing industries, with extensive proficiency in electrical cost estimating, automated manufacturing process/packaging equipment, LV control systems, building MEP systems, and specialty cost development.

The MEP division also includes 30-year industry veterans Jim Madison, a project management and construction professional specializing in HVAC controls and integration, and Troy Wilson,

Project Management Professional and veteran with the United States Army Corps of Engineers with extensive expertise in electrical systems in transportation and infrastructure (rail, tunnels, bridges, and power).

The expansion of the MEP Division is part of J.S. Held's strong growth trajectory following a 2015 investment from Lovell Minnick Partners, a private equity firm specializing in investing in financial and related business services companies. Since 2015, the company has made six acquisitions including Lovett Silverman Construction Consulting, the Property Loss Division of Chroma Building Corp., Wakelee Associates, LLC, a construction and mitigation consulting firm, Lovett Silverman, a surety consulting firm, U.S. HELM, an environmental, health and safety services firm, and CEIPS, a commercial equipment assessment consulting firm. J.S. Held has over 35 offices across the United States and Canada. J.S. Held continues to grow its team of professionals by expanding its network of offices throughout the United States and Canada.

### **About J.S. Held LLC**

J.S. Held is a leading construction consulting firm specializing in property damage consulting, construction claims consulting, project and program management and environmental, health and safety services. J.S. Held's consultants have provided their expertise on the most complex construction and related matters around the globe. The company serves its clients from over 35 offices throughout the U.S. and Canada. For more information regarding J.S. Held, please visit [www.jsheld.com](http://www.jsheld.com).

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