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APi Group Inc. Owner and Chairman

Lee R. Anderson Sr. is owner and chairman of **API GROUP INC.**, the holding corporation for 37 separate construction, manufacturing and fire protection companies headquartered in New Brighton, Minn., and operating from national and international office locations. The fire protection and alarm division is the largest such company in Canada and the second largest such company in the U.S.

Anderson graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor's in civil engineering in 1961. Assigned to Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Anderson was responsible for materials procurement and construction services and was promoted to first lieutenant. He envisioned a career in the military but returned to work in the family business after his father's heart attack.

Anderson is a director of Pan O'Gold "Country Hearth" Baking Co. and a member of the Minnesota Executive Organization, the Chief Executives Organization and the World Presidents Organization.

He is also a lifetime trustee at Breck School and a trustee of the Naples Children & Education Foundation. His other board service includes the Board of Governors of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, the Naples Wine Festival, and the Board of the Foundation for Wild Sheep. Additionally, he is a Heritage Member of Ducks Unlimited, a regular member of the Boone & Crockett Club, a Golden Club member of the U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance and a member of the "Thomas Jefferson Society" which represents the highest level of giving at West Point.

In April 2002, Anderson received the John F. Cade Award for entrepreneurial excellence from the John M. Morrison Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas. He also received the L. B. Hartz Professional Achievement Award from Minnesota State University Moorhead College of Business and Industry.

In 2005, Anderson earned an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of St. Thomas, and in 2008 he was inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame. In 2009, Anderson earned the national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award in the real estate, hospitality and construction category. In the spring of 2010, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson earned the Minnesota's Outstanding Individual Philanthropist Award from the Minnesota chapter of the American Fundraising Professionals; and was honored for significant contributions to Catholic education with the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. In 2011, Anderson was awarded the Donor of the Year Award from the National Association of Athletic Development Directors. 🔄

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