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**Pope Companies Announces Retirement of Jeff Hunter;  
Denny Walker Named New President and CEO**

(Kernersville, NC)— Pope Companies announced today the retirement of Jeff Hunter, President of the organization, which was effective January 1, 2017. Denny Walker, who has served as an Advisor to the Board of Directors for the Pope Companies since 2014, has been named the new President and CEO.

Walker has served in a number of executive level positions throughout his career, including President and CEO of TCI Logistics, which was founded by the late Lawrence E. Pope, and President and CEO of Draper-Textmaco. In addition, he has remained an active, licensed real estate broker for 15 years.

“I’m excited about this opportunity to further serve an organization that holds my highest respect,” says Walker. “Jeff Hunter has set the stage for continued progress and growth, and I am committed to maintaining that momentum for Pope Companies going forward.”

Walker assumed his new role on January 1. Key areas of responsibility include development planning, construction management, the lodging division, commercial/industrial leasing and residential development for the company.

**[About Pope Companies](#)**

*Pope Companies, headquartered in Kernersville, NC, has been in operation for more than 50 years, providing clients with affordable office, retail or industrial space, for lease or purchase. Pope Companies owns and manages over 3.5 million square feet of commercial and industrial property throughout the southeastern United States.*

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