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American Vanguard Corporation (AVD) Announces Executive Appointment of Mark Helt as U.S. Crop President

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IRVINE, CA / **ACCESS Newswire** / August 11, 2026 / American Vanguard Corporation (NYSE:AVD) today announced Mark Helt joined the company as U.S. Crop President.

Mark brings more than 25 years of commercial leadership experience across the North American crop protection, seed, and specialty markets. He has a proven record of building strong teams, expanding customer partnerships, and leading complex commercial organizations.

Most recently, Mark served as North America Commercial Vice President at Albaugh, where he led the company's U.S. crop protection, seed treatment, specialty and industrial businesses, along with its Canadian crop protection operations. He previously held leadership roles with Bayer Crop Science and Monsanto and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Reporting to Mike DiPaola, Chief Commercial Officer, Mark will be responsible for the strategy, commercial execution, and financial performance of our U.S. Crop business.

"Mark brings to American Vanguard decades of commercial leadership experience in the crop protection market, and I am very pleased to have him join our team, as well as working with him again," said Dak Kaye, Chief Executive Officer of American Vanguard Corporation. "As we continue to focus on strengthening our portfolio, accelerating innovation, and delivering disciplined growth, Mark's energy, experience and the breadth and depth of his commercial relationships will help support and lead our growth initiatives."

About American Vanguard

American Vanguard Corporation is a diversified specialty and agriculture products company that develops and markets products for crop protection and management, turf and ornamentals management, and public health. Over the past 20 years, through product and business acquisitions, the Company has significantly expanded its operations and now has more than 1,000 product registrations worldwide. To learn more about the Company, please reference **www.american-vanguard.com**.

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