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ManpowerGroup: Leaders Must Refine Leadership and Management Approaches to Win in the Human Age

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DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan. 23, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- ManpowerGroup (NYSE: MAN), the world leader in innovative workforce solutions and World Economic Forum (WEF) strategic partner, advises Human Resource (HR) leaders to refine leadership and management approaches in order to build effective, flexible work models that make Human Age companies resilient in the face of unpredictable business challenges.

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"In the Human Age Corporation, leadership style needs to change dramatically to become more participative and collaborative, as leadership that drives a culture of collaboration must be the heart and soul of tomorrow's organization," said Mara Swan, ManpowerGroup Executive Vice President of Global Strategy and Talent. "Tomorrow's leaders will be visionary Human Age leaders, developing new skills to become curators of information and coaches for their teams. They will possess opposing skill sets; strategic yet tactical, conceptual yet action-oriented, the ability to anticipate and react, and always pushing the limits of what's next."

Swan is a member of the Global Agenda Council on New Models of Leadership, which met today at the WEF Annual Meeting in Davos. Many of the themes explored in this session reflect issues addressed in ManpowerGroup's insight paper, "Leading in the Human Age: Why an Era of Certain Uncertainty Requires New Approaches to the World of Work," published yesterday. This paper explores the importance of adopting new leadership models, people practices and talent sources to enable companies to navigate today's new talent complexities.

In "Leading in the Human Age", ManpowerGroup calls for leaders to become more collaborative and transparent, and to think, operate and lead differently, so that they become more effective coaches to grow, develop and unleash the human potential of their workforces. In an increasingly hyperconnected world as much agility as possible must be built into an organization.

Swan was named HR Executive of the Year for 2012 by *Human Resource Executive*® magazine. This accolade is presented to only one individual annually, recognizing human resource leaders who exemplify the increasingly strategic role of HR in the contemporary world of business.

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In January 2011, at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, ManpowerGroup announced the world has entered the Human Age, where talent has replaced capital as the key competitive differentiator. This concept of talentism as the new capitalism continues to resonate and was echoed as a core theme of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. Learn more at www.manpowergroup.com/humanage

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