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Minnesota Timberwolves Name Tony Ronzone Assistant General Manager/Player Personnel

Minneapolis/St. Paul – Minnesota Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations David Kahn today announced the hiring of Tony Ronzone as the franchise's Assistant General Manager/Player Personnel. Ronzone has been with the Detroit Pistons for the past nine seasons, most recently as the team's Director of Basketball Operations. Ronzone will report directly to Kahn.

"We are excited to be able to add a person with Tony's extensive basketball experience to our player personnel staff," Kahn said. "Even though Tony's reputation is largely tied to international scouting, I believe he has always had a firm handle on NBA and college personnel as well. He is a relentless worker and we are fortunate to have him join us."

Ronzone began with the Pistons in 2001, serving as the team's Director of International Scouting until 2005 and as Director of Basketball Operations from 2005-10. In his most recent role with Detroit, Ronzone directed all of the Pistons' international scouting activities and assisted with college scouting and evaluating NBA personnel. Ronzone began his NBA career as a scout with the Dallas Mavericks from 1998 through 2000.

"I'm pleased to be joining a great organization like the Minnesota Timberwolves and excited to work with David Kahn and the entire basketball staff," Ronzone said. "This is a great opportunity and I look forward to using my knowledge and past experiences in helping the organization achieve its goals."

Ronzone began his front office basketball career as a player/coach in New Zealand. In 1990, Ronzone returned to the U.S. as an assistant coach at Arizona State. He also coached the Saudi Arabian National Team in 1992, and spent five years as a coach in United Arab Emirates. Ronzone's international coaching resume also includes stints as an assistant coach for the Chinese youth national team in 1998 and the Chinese National Team in 2001. He was the first American to ever coach with the Chinese National Team.

Ronzone played college basketball at the University of Nevada before finishing his collegiate career at Long Beach State. He played professionally overseas in New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines.

Ronzone is involved with USA Basketball, where he serves as Director of International Player Personnel. In this position, he assisted with the gold-medal winning men's basketball team at the 2008 Olympics. He is also active in the NBA's Basketball Without Borders program.

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