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## **Arpin International Group acquires Stephens Moving Services**

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West Warwick, RI Arpin International Group has acquired Stephens Moving Services of Cape Coral, Fla. a long-standing company specializing in servicing United States/Canada cross-border moves for private residential customers. This acquisition will facilitate the continued growth of Arpin's transportation management solutions in North America.

The Arpin family has its earliest roots in Canadian history, having started their moving business in Drummondville, Quebec, back in 1900 before immigrating to the United States. So, it was just a matter of time before the Arpin family returned to their origins. In 1992 the company began to offer its customers one of the best, most thorough United States/Canada cross-border services, as well as within the Canadian provinces.

"Arpin is excited about its continued expansion into Canada. The United States and Canada are each other's largest trading partners, representing \$125 million in cross-border moves annually. The acquisition of Stephens Moving Services enables Arpin to provide its world class moving services and bonded warehouses to major Canadian markets — especially in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec," said Peter Arpin, president of Arpin International Group. "Arpin's long-term growth strategy includes maintaining a diversified portfolio. This acquisition allows us to establish a stronger foothold in the highly competitive cross-border private residential market," he said.

Tom Stephens, president of Stephens Moving Services, said, "After more than 45 years servicing United States/Canada cross-border relocations, I cannot think of a better partnership for our clients and customers than Arpin International Group. My long-standing relationship with the Arpin's — as a former vice president and agent before launching Stephens Moving Services — assures me that Arpin International Group is unmatched in talent and resources with a proven track record in the international moving market."

Stephens will work with Arpin's management team to facilitate a smooth and successful transition.

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