Ms. Savage firmly believes that in order to succeed, one must take risks. In a recent interview for Caterpillar’s company newspaper, Savage was quoted as saying: “Put yourself out there — both to succeed and to fail.”

As VP of Caterpillar’s Surface Mining & Technology (“SM&T”) division, Jean Savage oversees the end-to-end value chain, ensuring a customer-centric approach in product design, development, manufacturing, and sales. She is also responsible for improving operational and financial performance in this division of over 8,000 employees. Her team’s work covers all products in Caterpillar’s Resource Industries Group, which is focused on the Surface & Underground Mining and Quarry & Aggregate industries.

She previously served as VP and CTO of Caterpillar’s Innovation & Technology Development Division and has held executive positions in the company’s Progress Rail division and Locomotive & Railcar Services business unit.

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