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Huth-Ben Pearson International LLC formed to market pipe bending and finishing equipment

(Hartford, WI) Huth-Ben Pearson International LLC has acquired Huth Equipment, Inc., the leading manufacturer of pipe bending and end-finishing machinery and tooling for the automotive repair market, effective 6/16/2014. This new operating company will be owned by a group that includes Milwaukee Capital Partners, 32-year product marketing veteran Kenneth Murray, and a group of current employees. Mr. Murray will serve as the company's president. Milwaukee Capital Partners provides capital for acquisitions and recapitalizations in the lower middle market.

Huth Equipment had been owned by Joe Becker and Tom Hechimovich since 2005. Prior to that, it was owned by the Midas International Corporation. The company was originally founded by Gerry Huth, who developed the first prototype of the portable pipe bender in the '50s. The company purchased the Ben Pearson pipe bender brand in 2008 and markets both product lines around the world.

Huth-Ben Pearson International LLC manufactures pipe bending and end-finishing equipment, as well as related tooling. In addition to auto repair shops and their distributors, Huth-Ben Pearson International LLC makes pipe bending and finishing products for metal fabricators serving many other market sectors.

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