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Joe Becker, president of Hartford Benders Inc.

Huth Buys Ben Pearson Tubemaster Bender Line

Huth, a division of Hartford Benders Inc., has bought the Ben Pearson Tubemaster bender division from Quest Corp.

Joe Becker, Huth president, said a purchase agreement was reached Sept. 30. Under the terms of the agreement, Huth has bought the rights to the Ben Pearson Tubemaster bender line along with all the existing inventory and the company's customer list.

Becker noted that all Tubemaster manufacturing will be moved to the Huth facility in Hartford, Wis. "We are committed to full service without any interruptions," he said. "Tubemaster is a well-respected brand in the industry, and we look forward to working with all of our existing and new customers in supplying them with both Huth and Ben Pearson benders, tooling and service needs. Our plans are to continue production on a variety of Tubemaster bender models, and we will continue to offer a complete line of parts and service for existing Tubemaster benders in the field. Huth also will honor all Ben

Pearson bender warranty claims."

In addition, Becker noted that he and his engineering staff will be looking at persistent bender upgrades on the Ben Pearson and Huth lines to help make undercar shops more efficient.

In a letter to Ben Pearson Tubemaster customers, Quest Corp. President Ron Powell said: "Speaking on behalf of all of us at Quest who will no longer be involved in the bender operation, there is a very deep and sincere appreciation for the business that you have placed with our company over the past 32 years. We have developed lasting relationships that in many cases go well beyond normal business. Speaking personally, I will continue to treasure those relationships."

Powell noted that Quest will continue to manufacture automotive lifts, oil-filter crushers and various specialty products. Marsha Blasengame will continue to handle lift-related sales calls for a time, and Sammy Heird will continue to work in lift service.

Blasengame also will continue as the sales contact for Ben Pearson benders and will direct service calls to their proper location, Powell said. Ben Pearson Tubemaster customers also can continue to use the toll-free Ben Pearson Tubemaster number 800-436-1327 or call Huth directly at toll-free 800-558-7808. **UD**

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