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American Kuhne Displays New Generation Medical Modular Extruder at the MEDTEC show Stuttgart, Germany (22-24, March 2011)

Company also adds two new members to its European Sales Team

(American Kuhne, Inc., Ashaway, RI March 10, 2011)... With a strong presence in the medical extrusion equipment market, American Kuhne has recently added to their impressive advanced technology extruder product line. The company will be displaying their newest generation medical modular extruder at the MEDTEC show in Stuttgart, Germany. This extruder provides for quick and easy barrel and screw L/D and/or diameter changes – allowing for fast product changes for different size tubing applications. The system also enables processors to perform off-line clean-out of the feed and barrel sections for faster resin change-over. This extruder includes the latest AKcess touch screen control system.



American Kuhne offers unique modular extruders that enable barrel and screw “modules” to be changed quickly and easily, at an affordable price. First, for applications that are very sensitive to contamination and/or resin changes, the ability to easily separate the screw and barrel from a machine and replace it with a clean “on-deck” module can be critical to both product purity and profitability by reducing changeover time between runs. Second, for processors that run a wide range of product sizes and throughput, the ability to change the extruder size by quickly switching to a different diameter and/or (L/D) length screw and barrel, brings a previously unimaginable level of processing and production scheduling versatility.

European sales team grows with two new additions

The company is also pleased to announce the appointment of two new sales representatives for mainland Europe. New to the mainland European sales team is Padraic Lunn and Steve Foy – both will be present at the MEDTEC show in the American Kuhne Stand #4666.

Mr. Padraic Lunn has 20 years of hands-on experience in the Medical Device Extrusion Industry and is based in Ireland. Padraic has represented American Kuhne in Ireland and the UK since 2006 with great success with many high profile medical device multinational customers. He is well respected within the strong Medical Device Extrusion industry in Ireland. His background is Plastic Engineering and has previously worked for Anamed an OEM extrusion company for 13 years and for Abbott Ireland for 1 year and has hands on experience with a wide range of materials and extrusion process's.

Mr. Steve Foy has worked within the Plastic Extrusion and Cable Industries supplying customers throughout Europe with solutions and capital equipment for the last 20 years and is based in the UK. Steve has for many years successfully



represented Beta LaserMike in a number of sales roles throughout Europe primarily with the extrusion and cable industries. In 2006 he made the transition to become a strong independent agent for them in the UK & Ireland. With a history of working on common prestigious customer projects for some years, Steve became the American Kuhne sales representative in the UK in 2008. With his knowledge of the UK market he has successfully introduced customers to the benefits of American Kuhne extrusion technology.

“Padraic and Steve’s long-term experience and technical know-how in extrusion, will allow them to provide high quality service to our customers in mainland Europe,” said Steve Maxson, Vice President Extrusion Systems for American Kuhne. “They both have been very successful in Ireland and the UK respectively, and we are confident they will be valuable assets to our European customers.”

New Gearless Extruder Design Introduced in February, 2011

At the recent MD&M show in February 2011, in Anaheim, CA, American Kuhne featured a running TPE bump tube extrusion line including their newest generation gearless medical modular extruder. The extruder does not require a gearbox and is ideal for clean room and/or controlled environments. The new Highly flexible and energy efficient extruder design offers clean, quiet, gearless operation. The gearless technology eliminates contamination from drive belt dust and gear oil for the reduced potential of contamination in a clean room environment.

This newest generation modular extruder includes a high torque, low speed; synchronous AC motor with integral thrust bearing that directly drives the screw. The combination of the permanent magnet motor and elimination of the



gearbox increase the machine's energy efficiency by at least 10%, and is extremely quiet in operation.

The company is currently scheduling personal press interviews and demonstrations during the show hours in Booth # 4666. To schedule a time please contact Steve Maxson, Vice President, Extrusion Systems at American Kuhne.

About American Kuhne, Inc.

American Kuhne, Inc. is a leading worldwide supplier of standard and customized single screw extruders, feed screws, extrusion systems and extrusion process controllers. Extruder sizes range from 1/2" (12.7mm) through 12-inch (305mm). They are designed and built in Ashaway, RI. Turnkey pipe, tubing and profile systems are also developed, tested and manufactured within their plant. In addition, the company maintains two medical tubing lab lines capable of multi-lumen and taper tube extrusions available for customer trials in their facility in Ashaway RI and their European facility at Kuhne GmbH in St. Augustin Germany. ##