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American Kuhne Introduces New Gearless Medical Modular Extruder at the MD&M show Anaheim, CA (Feb 8-10, 2011)

*Highly flexible and energy efficient, this extruder offers
clean, quiet, gearless operation*

(American Kuhne, Inc., Ashaway, RI December 21, 2010)... With a strong presence in the medical extrusion equipment market, American Kuhne has recently added to their impressive advanced technology extruder product line. At the MD&M show in February 2011, American Kuhne will feature 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 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 # 2330a. To schedule a time please contact Steve Maxson, Vice President, Extrusion Systems at American Kuhne.

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.

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.

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