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American Kuhne's New Modular Extruders Bring Unprecedented Flexibility *Change Screw and Barrel Sizes in Minutes*

ASHAWAY, RI. November 5, 2009 — American Kuhne introduces the first real innovation in single screw extruder design in decades. After working closely with customers in both industrial and medical markets, AK now offers a wide range of modular production extruders that enable barrel and screw “modules” to be changed quickly and easily, at an affordable price (patent pending).

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. 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 length screw and barrel, brings a previously unimaginable level of processing and production scheduling versatility.

There are four different styles to choose from. The small modular extruders can be changed by hand and ranges from 0.5” to 1.25”. The medium size design includes barrel modules mounted on wheels and ranges from 1.0” to 1.75”. The large barrel modules include precision sub-bases with built-in fork pockets and ranges from 1.75” to 3.5”. The extra large size ranges from 3.0” to 4.0”. Metric extruder sizes and complete, turn-key tubing and pipe systems are also available.

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American Kuhne, Inc. has supplied over 1200 extruders worldwide and is a leading North American supplier of single screw extruders feed screws, extrusion systems and extrusion process controllers for plastic, rubber, and silicone. Customers range from small custom extrusion shops to Fortune 500 and 1000 companies. They rely on American Kuhne products for superior design and value, as well as American Kuhne's engineering and service specialists for exceptional long-term support.

Extruders range from 1/2" through 12-inch. They are designed and built in Ashaway, RI. Turn-key pipe, tubing and profile systems are also developed, tested and manufactured in Ashaway, RI. In addition, the company also maintains a fully instrumented extrusion lab with a high-speed computerized data acquisition system available for free customer trials.

Founded in January 1997, American Kuhne has assembled a core team of extrusion equipment design and manufacturing experts with more than 500 years of combined experience in the North American single screw extruder marketplace. AK supplies screws, extruders, and complete turnkey systems worldwide to countries ranging from Italy, France and Germany to Mexico, China, Brazil and the Czech Republic. In addition, American Kuhne maintains an ongoing technology exchange with their partner Kuhne GmbH, St. Augustine, Germany, a premier European manufacturer of high-quality sheet and blown film systems.

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