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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **American Kuhne Moves In to New Custom Built Factory**

*Energy efficient custom layout provides improved operating efficiencies*

**Ashaway, RI. July 1, 2008** — American Kuhne recently completed the relocation of its Sales, Engineering, Manufacturing, and Extrusion Laboratory to their new location in Ashaway, Rhode Island. Last year American Kuhne purchased 12 acres of prime real estate at Exit 1 on Route 95 in Rhode Island just over the Connecticut state border.

President Bill Kramer said “We greatly appreciate our team’s outstanding organization and effort that made this move so seamless. We are very excited about the operating improvements that this new facility will bring”.

In addition to the improved efficiencies of the new facility, the new Rhode Island location reduces the average commuting time and distance by 2/3 for the vast majority of employees who live in the Pawcatuck/Westerly area. To facilitate customer visits, travel time from the Providence, RI airport has also been cut in half to less than 30 minutes.

Ed Steward, co-founder and Director of Process Technology stated “Our new Extrusion Lab provides us an improved layout for faster set-up and changeovers to maximize our customer’s time. Our lab machine selection has expanded to include thermoplastic machines ranging from ½” to 3 ½” sizes including downstream equipment for tubing and small pipe. Additionally, we can run silicone and rubber on the 1 ½” and 3 ½” machines, respectively”.

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American Kuhne, Inc. is a leading North American supplier of single screw extruders, feed screws, extrusion systems and extrusion process controllers. Customers range from small custom extrusion shops to Fortune 500 and 1000 companies. They rely on American Kuhne machines 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. Turnkey 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 Russia. In addition, American Kuhne maintains an ongoing technology exchange with Kuhne GmbH, St. Augustine, Germany, a premier European manufacturer of high-quality sheet and blown film systems.

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