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PRESS RELEASE

American Kuhne Standardizes on Double Hinged Feeder for Unprecedented Access *Double hinged further improves access and reduces change-over time*

ASHAWAY, RI September 25, 2009 — American Kuhne expands the features of their unique hinged opening feed roll by adding a second hinge for additional access to critical components. The independently driven, torque control roller feeder originally featured a unique single hinge allowing the feed throat to open completely enabling direct access to the feed throat, feed roller, and scraper blade. Compared to competitive roller feeders with very limited access, this single hinge significantly reduced cleaning and change-over time. Scraper blade adjustment accuracy was also dramatically improved.

The addition of the second or “double hinge” expands access to facilitate maintenance and further reduce change-over time. The double hinge enables instant access to the feed roll shaft and bearings. The feed roll can be quickly and easily removed for cleaning off-line or to quickly swap with an alternate back-up roll. Bearings can also be quickly cleaned or swapped in the event of contamination. Additionally, the feed roll itself can be internally cooled via a quick disconnect rotary union assembly to improve feeding and processing of difficult strip-fed materials.

The ULTRA R/S Rubber machines range in size from .75” to 6.0”. The rubber machines are available in 16:1 and 20:1 L/D and the silicone machines are 12:1 L/D. All machines can be completely customized to the customer’s specifications. All drive components are off-the-shelf and commercially available. ULTRA R/S extruders also come standard with a three (3) year warranty and a complete set of mechanical and electrical spare parts included for the lowest possible long term cost of ownership.

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Having sold over 1,200 plastics, rubber, and silicone extruders, 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 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. 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 the Czech Republic. 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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