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Great Lakes Service & Sales
The Kiemle-Hankins Company**

OWNERSHIP TRANSITION / ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT ANNOUNCED

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Toledo, Ohio

The Kiemle-Hankins Company (“Kiemle-Hankins”) and Great Lakes Service & Sales (“Great Lakes”) today announced that Kiemle-Hankins has purchased additional ownership interest in Great Lakes so that it is now a fully consolidated subsidiary of Kiemle-Hankins. Paul Miller, President of Great Lakes, and Tim Martindale, President of Kiemle-Hankins, jointly made the announcement, and also simultaneously announced additional investments that will be made in Great Lakes as a result.

Explained Miller, “Kiemle-Hankins has owned a significant percentage of Great Lakes for more than ten years, and we are pleased that they have elected to take this step. As one of the region’s largest and best capitalized providers of industrial repair services, this move by Kiemle-Hankins will allow us to continue to grow and expand.” Kiemle-Hankins is based in Toledo with additional operations in Dayton, Lima, and Detroit.

Martindale added, “We have great admiration for Paul Miller and the Great Lakes team, so when the opportunity arose to increase our investment, it was an easy decision. We look forward to an even closer working relationship between the companies.” When asked about specific

growth plans, Martindale commented that “we will immediately be making significant investments in advanced maintenance technologies focused in the power services arena. We will also be investing in information systems to expand customer service and associate productivity. As the business grows we also anticipate expanding our motor and pump repair capabilities and adding to our Gary workforce.”

The Great Lakes service center continues to employ 27 associates, while company-wide Kiemle-Hankins has more than 150 highly trained service professionals. “Since our arrival in this market at the turn of the millennium, our team has been successful in developing close customer relationships,” stated Miller. “When customers select us, they know that we will work tirelessly to reduce the life cycle costs associated with their industrial machinery. With expanded services and enhanced resources, Kiemle-Hankins will help us take this to the next level.”

Kiemle-Hankins, founded in 1928, is one of the largest independent providers of industrial repair and maintenance services in the country, specializing in critical motors, pumps, blowers, circuit breakers, transformers, and other rotating and electrical apparatus. In addition to their five fully equipped repair facilities, both companies also provide a full range of field service and preventive maintenance capabilities.

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