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Missouri Enterprise to Assist The Hunte Corporation With Design of New Plastic Manufacturing Plant

The Hunte Corporation is an internationally recognized leader in the professional pet industry, located in Goodman, MO. The company supplies pet retailers and their customers across America and in several foreign countries with happy and healthy puppies. Hunte's HKS Plastics Division also manufactures plastic kennel systems for sale to pet stores, professional breeders, veterinary offices and other animal care facilities.

The company is completing construction of a new 135,000 square foot plant to house all of its manufacturing operations. The new building will be adjacent to the company's main facility in Goodman.

The Hunte Corporation has asked Missouri Enterprise to assist in developing an efficient layout for the HKS Plastics Division, which currently is housed in a remote location.

Missouri Enterprise will begin the project by

creating a scaled drawing of all existing processes and equipment used in HKS' plastics manufacturing process. Then, Missouri Enterprise will work with officials of The Hunte Corporation to analyze the current plastics manufacturing process and develop a new plant and process layout for the new facility. Finally, a new layout of the plastics plant and a detailed summary of the steps in the manufacturing process will be provided to the company.

"This project represents a major step forward for the professional pet industry and others who house and care for pets, not only in Missouri, but across the Nation," said Andrew Hunte, President of The Hunte Corporation. "We value the involvement and support of Missouri Enterprise."

Missouri Enterprise Regional Vice President Dusty Cruise will supervise the project, which is slated for completion early next year.

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Notes From NIST

Some day, the term "Smarty Pants," may be taken quite literally. That's because trousers may be embedded with electronic "intelligence" so that they change color, for example, in response to their surroundings. When this might happen, actually depends upon the emergence of organic (carbon-based) "chips" with electronic circuits. The commercial promise is great, but to make it happen, new measurements, standards and processing capabilities must be developed and that's the aim of a new five-year research effort at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The resulting technology will allow scientists and engineers to predict the performance of organic electronic devices, a must in the development of new products like "smarty pants."

Homeyer Tool & Die Earns ISO Registration

Homeyer Tool & Die Company, Marthasville, has received its ISO 9001:2000 registration, according to Company President Herb Homeyer.

Homeyer Tool & Die, established in 1990, and is a 32 employee tool and die, precision machining and assembly company for the electrical, laser, automotive, food service and truck transportation industries.

To receive ISO registration, Homeyer Tool & Die Company had to meet a set of comprehensive quality system requirements. ISO registration helps both product and service oriented organizations achieve standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world.

Homeyer said the company works very diligently to con-



tinually improve its quality management system and to meet and exceed customer needs and expectations.

"We have been in business 15 years and we look at registration is a major step in maintaining our business position, our product quality and in supporting our customers," he said. "With the new registration, we expect to continue our growth and enter new markets where such a registration is necessary for consideration," Homeyer added.

During registration, Missouri Enterprise Senior Project Director Gary Frost provided the company with training, documentation preparation and implementation assistance, auditing and on-site support.

Business Plan for Vertex Chemical Completed

Vertex Chemical Corp., a St. Louis chemical manufacturer, has begun to implement a new three-year business plan developed by Missouri Enterprise. The company manufactures and distributes various chemicals, does contract packaging and performs terminaling and transportation services.

Much of the plan is based on a market research/customer survey completed previously by Missouri Enterprise. This project provides objectives, a marketing plan, an overview of the company's manufacturing requirements, a financial plan, a review of human resource requirements and strategies and

action plans to implement the business plan.

"Missouri Enterprise personnel did an excellent job providing Vertex with the direction and focus needed to develop a realistic plan for continued development of its business. We are extremely pleased with the results and are in the process of implementation. We are very pleased with the outstanding professionalism of the Missouri Enterprise personnel involved in this project."

Missouri Enterprise Senior Project Director Al Marcus supervised the survey and developed the business plan.

EaglePicher Technologies, LLC Completes Supplier Quality Process Analysis Project

Missouri Enterprise and EaglePicher Technologies, LLC recently completed a joint review project reviewing and improving the supplier management system at the Joplin facility, which is a national provider of advanced technology products. The project was part of the company's ongoing self-evaluation and continuous improvement process.

Missouri Enterprise reviewed the current supplier quality process, which was structured to be in compliance with the ISO9001:2000 Quality System Standard and provided process flow and documentation improvement guidance to enhance overall integrity and effectiveness of the supplier quality management system.

During the project, Missouri Enterprise Senior Project Director Shelly Hillhouse and Wende Huehn-Brown and Regional Vice President Steve Andriano worked with company officials to identify the current process and areas for improvements. Missouri Enterprise used this information to develop the overall structure of the improved supplier management system.

Flowcharts were created to document the various supplier/company process interactions and assistance was provided with document revision, change implementation and training management staff members.

Steve Nash, EaglePicher Technologies Director of Quality stated, "The process improvement guidance and process flow documentation and training provided by the Missouri Enterprise staff were critical components for the timely and successful completion of this project. Our customers have already commented positively on our improved ability to manage and report supplier performance."

EaglePicher was founded as a paint manufacturer in 1843 and later added lead mining to its business in 1916. The company has continually diversified since then and now also includes EaglePicher Automotive and EaglePicher Filtration & Minerals. EaglePicher Technologies businesses include pharmaceutical services, commercial, space and defense power solutions and applications.