



Press Release

NM Group Global, LLC and Alpha Capital Partners, Ltd. Acquire Majority Interest in Cleaning Technologies Group, LLC.

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Cincinnati and Tiffin OH / Chicago IL – NM Group Global, LLC. (NMGG) and Alpha Capital Partners, Ltd. (Alpha Capital) today announced they have acquired a majority interest in Cleaning Technologies Group, LLC. (CTG) of Cincinnati, Ohio. This transaction includes the two Operating Divisions of CTG, which are Ransohoff of Cincinnati, and Blackstone~Ney Ultrasonics of Jamestown, New York. The former management team will remain as investors and managers of the continuing businesses. The transaction was financed through an equity investment by NMGG, Alpha Capital and the various management and employees of CTG, in addition to loans from Fifth Third Bank and long term debt provided by the sellers.

Cleaning Technologies Group, which has now adopted an LLC structure upon the acquisition, remains headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. James T. McEachen, formerly President of Ransohoff, will serve both as CEO of CTG and the Ransohoff subsidiary. Andrew H. Kalnow, CEO of NMGG and Managing Partner of Alpha Capital, will serve as Chairman of the Board.

“This acquisition by NMGG and Alpha Capital is a vote of confidence and investment in our future. The strong resources of NMGG as a leading international machine tool company will help position CTG for the next level of product and market growth. We are very fortunate to have found a partner with world class engineering and operating experience that is also coupled with a global platform”, said Mr. McEachen. “This transaction gives us the ability to move more rapidly in the areas of product innovation and marketplace expansion, continuing a tradition that began in 1916 with the founding of the Ransohoff business in Cincinnati, Ohio and in 1954 with the founding of the Blackstone~Ney Ultrasonics business in Jamestown, New York. We are committed to building upon our leadership position within the markets we serve. This is an excellent outcome for our employees and our customers”.

“For NMGG, Cleaning Technologies Group brings us both an additional product line for our existing market vertical in serving global customers in cold formed parts and fastener production and also a new vehicle for growth and diversification of our company. We are excited about working together with the people of CTG as another group dedicated to industry leadership in technology and quality”, said Andrew H. Kalnow, CEO of NMGG.

The Cleaning Technologies Group, LLC is a world leader in providing innovative cleaning and waste minimization technologies to precision and industrial manufacturing markets. CTG is comprised of Ransohoff of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Blackstone~NEY Ultrasonics of Jamestown, New York. Employing more than 175 people, the Group is the premier provider of environmentally friendly parts-cleaning and waste-minimization equipment and services to the global marketplace.



NM Group Global, LLC is a holding company for National Machinery LLC, the world leader in the development and manufacture of cold forming machine and process technology, as well as aftermarket services. Headquartered in Tiffin, Ohio with service centers and sales offices throughout the world, National Machinery was founded in 1874.

Alpha Capital, founded in 1984, is a private equity investment firm which provides equity financing for promising growth businesses and for buyouts or recapitalization of established companies. Currently Alpha Capital manages over \$135,000,000 through its capital partnerships and other equity accounts.

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