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The Kiemle-Hankins Company

**KIEMLE-HANKINS COMPLETES TRANSITIONS
ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AND INVESTMENTS**

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Earlier today, The Kiemle-Hankins Company announced that it has completed the steps necessary to rename its operation in Gary, Indiana from Great Lakes Service & Sales to Kiemle-Hankins. Simultaneously, the company unveiled its new leadership team and reviewed plans for significant investment and growth in the Northwest Indiana market. “This move further demonstrates our commitment to be the premier source for industrial maintenance services in Northwest Indiana and the greater Chicago area,” stated the President of Kiemle-Hankins, Tim Martindale. In addition to its facility in Northwest Indiana, Kiemle-Hankins has operations in the Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Lima, and Toledo markets and is one of the region’s largest and best capitalized providers of industrial repair and maintenance services.

Mr. Martindale further commented, “We are happy to be at the point where we can share our name with the newest member of the Kiemle-Hankins family of companies. I challenged our Northwest Indiana associates to improve and meet the expectations that I have for a Kiemle-Hankins division, and I am pleased that our team stepped up to the challenge.” In order to qualify for the name change, the former Great

Lakes had to implement completely new quality and safety systems, among other critical steps. Said Martindale, "Over the last eighteen months we have been investing in computer systems, advanced testing equipment, training - you name it - all to help us meet and exceed customer expectations." According to Martindale, the company will begin using the Kiemle-Hankins name in place of Great Lakes immediately.

Kiemle-Hankins also announced two major promotions and a number of additional investments to further grow the business. Kevin M. Napierala was introduced as the new Division Manager for Kiemle-Hankins in Northwest Indiana, while David C. Heckman was introduced as the new Assistant Division Manager. "I am excited that these two men have chosen to move into management with our company at this location and at this time," stated Martindale. "The two of them bring more than 50 years of local market and industrial maintenance expertise to our team. I believe that there is a critical need in Northwest Indiana for an industrial maintenance company with the highest quality and customer service standards, and with these two men at the helm, I know that is what we will deliver."

Martindale also discussed the fact that the company, as part of the conversion from Great Lakes to Kiemle-Hankins, has added seven new associates to meet customer demands and to provide enhanced services. Stated Martindale, "These recent additions have added more than 150 years of experience to what was already a solid team. And, equally important, these new associates have helped us expand our capabilities into the repair, maintenance, and testing of switchgear and substations." Martindale commented that Kiemle-Hankins has invested more than half a million dollars into the operation since taking over in 2009. However, he stated "it's the people that really make any industrial repair operation go,

and now we have a world class team.” Martindale pointed toward a recent 7,000 horsepower motor repair job turned around in less than a week and a recent 15,000 volt emergency circuit breaker reconditioning as evidence of what his team can accomplish.

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, circuit breakers, transformers, and other rotating and electrical apparatus. In addition to five fully equipped repair facilities in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, the company provides a complete range of field service and preventive maintenance capabilities.

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