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Behlen Mfg. Co., headquartered in Columbus, Neb., has purchased a long-time Nebraska company-Distefano Tool & Mfg. Company (DTM) located in Omaha, Nebraska.

Distefano, established in 1972, is a leading supplier of precision tooling, machined steel components, and custom fabricated metal parts. With 75 employees and 70,000 Square ft. of manufacturing space, their processes include tool & die making, computerized machining, computerized laser cutting and forming, rolling, punchpress metal stamping, production welding, and assembly. Distefano currently fabricates over 1,000 different metal components and welded assemblies for a variety of industries including commercial lawn mowers, agricultural combines, construction, transportation, and telecommunications.

Behlen has maintained a long-term relationship with Distefano for more than 20 years. This acquisition of DTM will complement all Behlen business units, open up new markets, and enhance production capabilities.

Bob Distefano, President of DTM and the current leadership team will continue to manage the daily operations of the Omaha manufacturing facilities. Lyle Burbach, Senior V.P., Behlen, has been named C.E.O. of the Distefano operations. Distefano will provide synergies with the custom fab business unit and support growth. Distefano's annual sales were in the \$12 million range for 2007.

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce President and CEO David G. Brown said, "The Chamber congratulates Behlen Mfg. Co. on their purchase of Distefano Tool & Mfg. Company. This significant investment by a strong Nebraska-based company demonstrates confidence in future business development in North Omaha. Distefano has a history of employment creation. We see the company's continued job opportunities as a great example of the vision for the North Omaha Development Project."

A.F. Tony Raimondo led a Management buyout of Behlen Mfg. Co. in 1984, returning it to local ownership in Columbus, Nebraska. At that time, Behlen was a company with \$32 Million in annual sales with significant losses and its parent company The Wickes Corporation was in bankruptcy. Today, Behlen's Leadership Team is headed up by Phil and Tony Raimondo, Jr. as Co-CEO's along with Lyle Burbach as Sr. Vice President. Behlen's most recent fiscal year ended on October 31, 2007 with annual sales of \$220 million. DTM will be the 9th acquisition for Behlen since its return to local ownership in 1984.

Behlen Mfg. Co., founded in 1936, has grown from the initial products developed in the garage of Columbus entrepreneur, Walter D. Behlen to a global manufacturer exporting to more than 70 countries. Today the company consists of three diverse business units, including The Building Group (Behlen and Inland Buildings), Behlen Country (the nation's leading manufacturer of livestock equipment), International and Diversified Products (grain systems, strip joining presses, and custom fabrication). Behlen also owns BMC Transportation with

more than 100 owner operators who deliver products throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Additional U.S. locations include Baker City, Ore.; Huntingdon, Ten.; and Cullman, Ala., and now Omaha, Neb. After exporting buildings to China for 20 years, Behlen established a joint venture with long-term Chinese partners. In 2002, Behlen China initiated operations in Beijing to manufacture building products for the Chinese market.

The Behlen Leadership Team and all Partners in Progress (Employees) welcome the Distefano team and look forward to combining efforts and growing both businesses. This is a combination of two Companies with a great heritage and a bright future.

Behlen looks forward to continuing the current DTM operations in North Omaha. Behlen sees many opportunities to grow the DTM business and increase employment in the community.

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