



EcoThermics
CORPORATION



LOCAL FIRM AIMS TO BRING GREEN JOBS TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Peoria IL (June 26, 2010)—**Peoria based start-up, EcoThermics Corporation announced today the achievement of yet another critical milestone, selection of a production manufacturing partner, Mennie Machine Company located in North Central Illinois.**

Congressman Aaron Schock spoke with enthusiasm, “The keys to economic development spring from new technology innovation and entrepreneurship. I’ve witnessed EcoThermics progress from an idea, through research and development, to prototype lab and field testing, to finally production design for manufacturability. EcoThermics is successfully accomplishing what many have tried and failed to do and we are proud to watch this technology flourish right here in Central Illinois.”

Innovation in the Heartland brings future growth, jobs and revenue to our local economy as well as to neighboring Indiana and Ohio. EcoThermics corporate office is housed at the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, R & D labs and an industrial field test site are in Van Wert Ohio, and in nearby Indiana – a key OEM partner, Purdue University’s Herrick test lab and a first commercial field test application.

Mennie Machine Company from Mark, Illinois, selected from a number of highly qualified candidates, was chosen primarily based upon their expertise in production design and engineering, high degree of automation and therefore reasonable production costs, quick response time, and their willingness to invest in the extraordinary market potential of this innovative CO₂ heat pump technology. “We are excited to embark on collaborative development with the EcoThermics team. Our similar corporate cultures and mutual interests enable speed to market and speed to scale, both important factors in the commercialization of new technology,” explains Mennie Machine Company Vice President David Mennie. “In our 40 year history, we’ve been involved with a number of successful ventures and therefore recognize the value and huge potential of this company’s leadership team and its technology. The Mennie family is extremely pleased to be a part of this dynamic endeavor.

EcoThermics was founded in 2007 by Merle Rocke, Chairman and CEO, and a core technical and business team. Rocke’s 35 year career with Caterpillar, which included co-founding CAT Logistics, attest to his recognized leadership, successful startup and international manufacturing experience, characteristics sought by OEM partners and investors.

When asked what inspires him, Rocke emphatically states, “Our lean company has accomplished in a short time what large, established corporations spend many millions of dollars over decades trying to do. We’ve been successful by leveraging partnerships, a well rounded, experienced and passionate

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management and engineering team, our background in high-pressure hydraulics and thermodynamics, and the support of many strong believers in the importance and potential of our technology. Supporters like Congressman Aaron Schock, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, retired Caterpillar Chairman/CEO and EcoThermics anchor investor Glen Barton, and even the U.S. Army who funded initial prototype development. It is their vision and passionate commitment to innovation and environmental sustainability that inspires me, and our entire team, to do everything within our power to give this technology what it needs to grow and prosper.”

Mr. Rocke went on to comment on the vital role that local support has played in the successful nurturing of this technology, from a seed to a growing tree. Organizations including Heartland Partnership, Caterpillar Inc, the Strategic Manufacturing Group, Bradley University, Peoria NEXT, local component suppliers and angel investors. Our business and technical advisory board have been absolutely crucial to our ongoing development and commercialization. Because of their belief in our technology and team, and active participation, EcoThermics sought a local manufacturing partner in order to retain existing jobs and create new ones as well as produce revenue which benefits our Central Illinois economy.”

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