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B&D INDUSTRIAL ACQUIRES WESTERN MACHINE WORKS

The acquisition expands the company's geographic reach and provides new services and support to customers throughout the Pacific Northwest

Macon, GA (September 5, 2018) – B&D Industrial, a corporation based out of Macon, Georgia, announces the acquisition of Western Machine Works, Inc. of Tacoma, Washington.

Western Machine Works is a fourth-generation, family-owned business founded by Frank Schmitz in 1907. The company performs a full-range of machining services including engineering, welding and fabrication, hydraulics, custom machine parts and field service for industrial customers throughout Washington and the Pacific Northwest. Western Machine, much like B&D Industrial, has maintained a rich family and employee heritage. As such, the company has earned a regional and national reputation over the past 111 years as a value-based and solution-driven organization. Committed to nurturing this solid reputation, the company will continue to be marketed and operated under the Western Machine Works, Inc. name.

“This is an exciting day for Western Machine Works and our employees. The new acquisition provides us with a stronger ability to assist customers with greater services and a wider range of skillsets,” said James “JP” Schmitz, president of Western Machine Works. “My great-grandfather started this company and I’ve got deep roots here. I’ve always said that if we were going to grow with another company, we were only going to do it with the right one. I feel proud and blessed to move the company forward with B&D Industrial.”

JP Schmitz will remain an active leader as the vice president/general manager of Western Machine Works.

“I am proud to welcome Western Machine Works and their employees to the B&D Industrial family. For several years, our B&D Service division has worked hand in hand with Western Machine Works to serve customers in the

Pacific Northwest. This acquisition furthers our partnership and gives B&D a platform to grow our precision maintenance field service and gearbox repair business in the region. This also allows Western Machine Works to continue serving existing and future customers with excellence. We are excited for this opportunity,” said Brian Davis, vice president of B&D Industrial.

About B&D Industrial

Founded in 1947, B&D Industrial is an applications-driven, independent distributor and service provider. We provide solutions to OEM’s and companies with MRO and automation needs in both heavy and light manufacturing. B&D Industrial is parent to three specialty divisions: B&D Technologies, Scale Systems and B&D Service, which operate over 30 facilities in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, North and South Carolina. The company’s portfolio also includes Washington-based Western Machine Works, Inc. and e-commerce enterprise, Industrial Control Direct. B&D Industrial is headquartered in Macon, Georgia. For more information, visit www.bdindustrial.com.

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