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Gray Acquires SPEC Engineering to Strengthen Food & Beverage Market

Lexington, Ky., April 25, 2019 – [Gray](#), a leading design-build firm recognized for its engineering, architecture and construction expertise, has acquired 100 percent of [SPEC Engineering](#), a specialty process engineering and equipment fabrication company located in Plainfield, Illinois. SPEC became affiliated with the Gray, Inc. family of companies, working closely with Gray Construction, through an [initial equity investment from Gray](#) in November of 2018.

“We’re thrilled to take this next step with SPEC to better meet our customer needs under one company umbrella,” said [Stephen Gray](#), president and CEO of Gray Construction. “Gray and SPEC are completely committed to providing full, turnkey solutions to the highly dynamic food and beverage market.”

Gray brings 60 years of engineering, architecture and construction services to the food and beverage market, and SPEC has 40 years of complementary expertise, specifically in the bakery, confectionery, ingredients and nutritional specialties. Together, the combined companies create one best-in-class solutions’ provider to the industry.

“Gray and SPEC’s expertise and comprehensive service offerings complement each other and elevate the collective presence in the market as demand for engineering, equipment and construction services in the food and beverage sector continues to increase,” said Brian Bernard, president of SPEC Engineering. “We provide a uniquely strong solution set to meet the growing food and beverage market’s needs.”

About Gray

Gray is a [nationally ranked engineering, architecture and construction firm](#) with nearly 60 years of experience in food and beverage, manufacturing, automotive, distribution and retail facility construction. Currently, Gray has several large projects that are under way or recently completed including: custom-fitted [NorthStar Kitchens](#) for Champion in Alberta, Canada; a fresh pork processing facility in Coldwater, Mich., for [Clemens Food Group](#), recognized as a [Manufacturing Innovation award winner by ProFood World Magazine](#); a state-of-the-art facility for [Kraft Heinz in Davenport, Iowa](#), named [Food Engineering Magazine’s 2018 Plant of the Year](#); an award-winning bakery for [Mondelēz International’s Enjoy Life Foods](#) in Jeffersonville, Ind.; and a snack food manufacturing facility for [More Than A Bakery](#) in Versailles, Ky.

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About SPEC Engineering

Located in Plainfield, Illinois, USA, SPEC Engineering is a full-service process engineering firm, providing the latest in technology. SPEC provides [custom process skid systems](#), upgrades and expands line components, and offers [complete plant design](#) and implementation. Since 1979, SPEC has been serving the bulk material processing and handling needs of customers in the food and specialty chemical industries by offering complete turnkey solutions. Starting with the engineering department, all systems are first designed with 3D drawings, then the assembly department fully assembles system in-house first for FAT testing, lastly the implementation department provides installation and start-up support services on-site at our customer's location.

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