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Ipsen's Growth Leads to Expansion

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Ipsen welcomes a new year of growth and expansion at our US plant locations. Ipsen has just completed a year long project in developing, designing and constructing a new stockroom and inventory management system. With our new material management system, we are able to realize dramatic improvements beneficial for both internal and external customers through material flow, bar coding and staging areas. Inventory activities in receiving, inspection, and multi-releases to the floor and shipping will be monitored and measured for continuous improvements to assure high on-time performance.

The overall project began with the expansion of Hot Zone manufacturing at the Souderton, PA facility. This not only increased our ability to expand our manufacturing capacity but created the space necessary to improve our material management in order to achieve greater performance with our furnace production at both sites. Prior to the expansion we were manufacturing 6 to 8 hot zones per month at the Rockford, IL facility. Now at the Souderton PA facility, we will have the ability to achieve double the manufacturing capability.

In addition, a section of the Ipsen Ceramics facility, in Pecatonica, IL, is currently being used for the assembling of large custom hot-zones. It has become a fully functional assembly facility, including new loading and unloading doors and dock driveway area, creating a significant capital improvement to the existing structure.

Ipsen, Inc. designs and manufactures industrial vacuum furnaces, atmosphere furnaces, and supervisory control systems for a wide variety of thermal processing markets including: aerospace, commercial heat treating, medical, nuclear, chemical, tool & die and automotive. Ipsen, Inc. is one of the largest manufacturers in the world of vacuum and atmosphere heat treating furnaces for the thermal processing market. Ipsen also employs the largest and most skilled aftermarket & service support team in the business to meet its customers' needs for controls upgrades, replacement hot zones, parts, maintenance and service. Ipsen, Inc. maintains manufacturing plants in Rockford IL, Souderton PA, Kleve Germany, Calcutta India, and Shanghai China.

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