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#### ***GHX INDUSTRIAL EXPANDS FOOTPRINT WITH ACQUISITION OF EXPRESS HOSE & FITTINGS II***

**HOUSTON (December 5, 2012)** – Houston-based GHX Industrial, LLC ([ghxinc.com](http://ghxinc.com)), reported today that it has acquired the assets of Phoenix based Express Hose & Fittings II. Express Hose specializes in the distribution of hose, fittings, and other products to customers primarily in the Arizona mining industry.

Headquartered in Houston, GHX is a leading fabricator and supplier of industrial fluid transfer and sealing products to both the upstream and downstream energy markets. The addition of Express Hose will significantly boost GHX's presence in the metals mining market in the U.S.

"Of particular interest to us is the addition of the Arizona location which gives us the opportunity to work directly with another UDG company, United Central Industrial Supply, to expand our offering in the North American mining industry segment" said Dan Ahuero, VP Mergers & Acquisitions for The United Distribution Group.

According to Richard Harrison, President of GHX Industrial, LLC, Express Hose & Fittings II will operate under the GHX family of companies and continue to service existing as well as new customers with its current and an expanded product offering.

#### ***About GHX Industrial, LLC***

*GHX provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses) and other products to a variety of industries, particularly the power generation, refining and petrochemical, mining, agriculture, marine and upstream oil and gas enterprises. GHX operates 40 locations throughout the United States and Canada.*

#### ***About The United Distribution Group***

*With 66 locations throughout North America, the subsidiaries of The United Distribution Group are leading providers of products and services to a variety of industries including oil & gas, mining, power generation, petrochemical, agriculture, marine and various other industries.*

#### ***About United Central Industrial Supply Co.***

*Headquartered in Bristol, TN, United Central Industrial Supply and its subsidiaries National Mine Service of Canada and Gooding Rubber, Inc. is a full line, full service mining and industrial supplies distributor with 26 locations throughout the United States and Canada.*

#### ***For More Information***

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