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***McCarty Equipment Acquires Bakersfield, CA
Location of Alternative Hose***

Abilene, TX based McCarty Equipment Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Houston based GHX Industrial and The United Distribution Group, announced today that it has acquired the assets and operations of the Bakersfield, CA location of Alternative Hose.

The Bakersfield location has been operating for 7 years. It carries a number of world-class brands including Gates, Kuriyama, NRP Jones and Dixon Valve.

“Bakersfield has been the hub of California oil production and has been one of the U.S.’s top producing areas for decades. The Bakersfield location of Alternative Hose focuses primarily on the upstream business and McCarty can supplement what the location provides with a number of additional key products to better serve key oilfield supply and oilfield service customers,” stated Kelly McCarty, President of McCarty Equipment Company.

Alternative’s core customer base has historically consisted of oilfield service companies, the agriculture industry and power generation companies.

“Expanding our service area throughout the US and Canada is an ongoing strategic focus for our company and the acquisition of the Bakersfield location of Alternative Hose compliments our already strong North American presence,” said Darrell Cole, President & CEO of The United Distribution Group.

Richard Harrison, President of GHX Industrial stated that the branch management, sales and production staff of Alternative will remain with the company after the acquisition.

The branch is located at 3563 Landco Drive, Bakersfield, CA.

About McCarty Equipment Company

Founded in 1976 and headquartered in Abilene, TX, McCarty Equipment operates 24 locations throughout the US and Canada and provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses), valves and other products to the upstream oil and gas industry.

About GHX Industrial

Headquartered in Houston, TX, GHX Industrial provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses) and other products to a variety of industries, particularly the refining and petrochemical, upstream oil and gas, OEM, power generation, marine, mining and agriculture segments.

About The United Distribution Group

With 74 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.

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