

Unified® Screening & Crushing Purchases Rung Industries

Uniting the Benefits – Delivering the Quality

St. Paul, MN, December 6, 2010 – Unified® Screening & Crushing, a nation-wide group of screening, sizing and crushing media manufacturers, has purchased Rung Industries of Seattle, WA.

Formerly a key distributor for Unified, Seattle-based Rung has manufactured and distributed wire cloth and distributed polyurethane and rubber screening and sizing products for the aggregate and mining industries for more than 26 years. Rung Industries will now be known as Unified Screening & Crushing-WA.

Unified Screening & Crushing's recent purchase of its key distributor in the Northwest allows all its products to be marketed directly to customers in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho. This new process will provide customers faster and more efficient delivery of the complete Unified inventory of products.

With reference to the recent buy-out, Greg Richards, the former President and owner of Rung Industries, says "It just makes sense." Rung has been a distributor for Unified Screening & Crushing for 26 years, starting with Twin City Wire, the St. Paul, MN location. "We know each other well. The property and the skills of our people are an ideal fit for the kind of entity Unified has become. Both of us have a philosophy of producing high quality products, a deep understanding of our industry, and have always believed in looking for increased cost effectiveness for our quarry customers."

Richards, who purchased Rung Industries in 2001 from Darrell Rung, the founder, will continue as a consultant. All current Rung Industries employees have accepted positions with Unified Screening & Crushing-WA, which ensures continuity of the excellent tradition of service for which Rung is known.

The addition of Rung Industries improves Unified Screening & Crushing's presence in the Northwest. It provides Unified with a 32,000 square-foot warehouse with one of the largest screen inventories on the West Coast; a shipping schedule that includes thousands of screens, miles of crown rubber and tension rails and more than 50,000 screen bolts, wear parts, conveyor components and accessories each year; easy access to I-5 for all major trucking lines; and access to both Sea-Tac airport and Port of Seattle barges. The latter is not an afterthought for an enterprise that has become a global player.

Tom Lentsch, CEO of Unified Screening & Crushing says, "Our tagline 'Uniting the benefits – delivering the quality' describes the mission behind all of our growing companies. We bring together the resources of each individual company, focus on quality products and deliver real benefits – experience, knowledge and customer service, including the largest inventory of screening and crushing parts in North and South America. Rung Industries is a perfect geographical and quality fit. They also provide an added level of expertise in the problems customers in the Northwest are facing, allowing us to meet all their screening and crushing needs, both standard and unique."

As a new member in the group, Unified Screening & Crushing-WA will begin to formalize its quality assurance program by following the process of ISO certification. "The Unified Screening & Crushing Minnesota facility was the first in the industry to be ANSI/ISO 9001:2000 certified and has continually enhanced its program with upgraded certification, recently adding ISO 9001:2008 to its credentials," says Bob Kleason, Director of Marketing & Sales, "while the same quality program is being extended to all facilities in the Unified network. ISO certification is a data-driven system of continual self-improvement that is a major factor in providing quality products and services. From order entry to product shipping, defined processes enable the group to maintain the highest quality in the industry. All raw materials, for example, are traceable back to the source."

Unified Screening & Crushing-WA is the group's 15th US location. Unified continues its expansion of manufacturing and distribution facilities to be close to all major industry producers in the US.

About Unified Screening & Crushing

Unified's historical roots are a succession of family-owned businesses dating back to 1869. In March of 2005, Unified Screening & Crushing became the uniting force behind these family-owned screening, sizing and crushing media manufacturers. Now 15 members strong and located across the United States, Unified Screening & Crushing brings together all the resources of its member companies, providing customers extensive knowledge, experience and inventories anywhere in the United States. The family-owned businesses include major real estate holdings as well as the manufacturing and distributing operations.

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