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Hytec Automotive acquires factory in China

Hytec Automotive driven to supply the world with the highest quality water pumps

TAMPA, Fla. / COLUMBUS, Ohio / Defeng, Jiangsu, CHINA – Hytec Automotive (Hytec), a DeBartolo company, announced today that it has acquired 50% of its' manufacturing operation in Defeng, Jiangsu, China for an undisclosed amount. The purchase of the Chinese operation means Hytec and the DeBartolo group are fully committed to the superb quality of the water pumps produced at this state of the art facility.

The Chinese facility is the global manufacturing and distribution operation of Hytec Automotive. From China, water pumps designed by engineers in the American operation are manufactured and shipped worldwide. The domestic headquarters in Columbus, Ohio is responsible for the design and distribution of water pumps. The international headquarters is located in Tampa, Fla.

“It is with great pleasure that we are able to expand our operations to include a direct ownership in the manufacturing facilities. The expansion in the Chinese operation also means that Hytec Automotive and DeBartolo will be able to extend our presence into the many diverse OES/OEM aftermarket auto parts distribution channels,” says Tim Zahler, president of Hytec Automotive.

Hytec, which specializes in water pumps for cars, trucks, marine vessels, heavy duty vehicles and industrial machinery, will continue to supply the world with the highest quality water pumps, and looks forward to supporting the automotive aftermarket industry with additional OES/OEM automotive parts in the future.

About Hytec Automotive: Hytec Automotive, a DeBartolo Company, is driven to supply the world with the highest quality OES, OEM and aftermarket water pumps. Providing the best service along with the highest quality products at the lowest prices, Hytec is forging its own path in the aftermarket auto parts industry. Acquired by DeBartolo in 2004, Hytec strives to maintain the integrity of service held by all DeBartolo companies. For more information, please visit www.hytecauto.com.

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