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MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Columbus McKinnon announced March 2 it is acquiring **Dorner Manufacturing Corporation**, an automation solutions company providing unique, patented technologies in the design, application, manufacturing and integration of high-precision conveying systems, from global private markets firm EQT in a deal valued at \$485 million ... **NOW Inc.**, which does business primarily as **DistributionNOW**, announced March 1 that it is acquiring from GR Energy Services substantially all of the assets used in connection with its Flex Flow business, predominantly relating to the rental, sale and service of surface-mounted horizontal pumping systems and horizontal jet pumping systems ... Fasteners and packaging supplies distributor **LINC Systems** has completed the acquisition of **FlexPAC's** Quad Cities (Rock Island, IL) operations. Quad Cities is a distributor of packaging, safety supplies and janitorial-related products serving the manufacturing, logistics, food processing and other general industrial businesses ... **Relevant Industrial**, a Houston-based distributor and service provider for instrumentation and automation, rotating equipment, purification and thermal equipment, announced in mid-February the purchase of Slidell, LA-based **Mid-South Sales Company** ...



Meridian Adhesives Group (Dalton, GA) announced in early March the acquisition of GENTEC and FT Polymer, two European-based adhesive suppliers for the electronics, medical, aerospace and automotive industries ... Investment firm KKR announced Feb. 17 that it will acquire **Flow Control Group** (Charlotte, NC), a distributor of mission-critical flow control and industrial automation products, from Bertram Capital ... As of Feb. 1, **Auburn Bearing & Manufacturing** (Macedon, NY), a designer and manufacturer of thrust bearings, custom bearings and precision components, has acquired the assets of **Aurotek TSB** ... Motion & Control Enterprises (Zelienople, PA) announced Feb. 4 that it has acquired Swanson Flo, Co., a regional distributor of process instrumentation, flow control valves, actuators and related equipment ... Effective Feb. 1, **Purvis Industries** (Dallas, TX) has acquired Las Vegas-based **HydraGear** ... **Würth Industry North America** (Indianapolis) announced Feb. 1 that it has acquired **Atlantic Fasteners Inc.** (Greensboro, NC), a mainstay in the structural industry with 36 years of history manufacturing structural bolts and distributing standard and specialty fasteners. It will join WINA's new construction services business division, Würth Construction Services.



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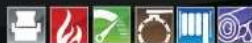
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