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World leader LotusGroup USA forms engineering and construction powerhouse

LotusGroup USA, wholly owned by local company LotusAutomation Ireland Ltd, continues record growth with acquisition of two new companies on US west coast.

LotusGroup USA Inc., the international engineering and construction company, officially announced an agreement to acquire two companies, Performance Operations & Maintenance Inc. (PO&M) and Performance Improvement for Industry, Inc. (PII) in San José, California on March 14 last. This acquisition expands LotusGroup into the power plant market and offers new specialized training services to LotusGroup's customers in the US.

LotusGroup provides project and construction management; electrical, mechanical and instrumentation installation; and operation, maintenance and technical field services. In addition, it offers technical and engineering support services by augmenting customer staffing in biotech, advanced pharmaceutical and semiconductor markets. Acquiring PO&M and PII follows the successful acquisition by the Group of KM Kelly Inc in 2004. The acquisition was announced by An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern T.D. at the San Jose/Dublin Sister City's Spirit of Ireland Award Dinner. Speaking at the event, Taoiseach Ahearn said "Irish companies have achieved significant success in Silicon Valley demonstrating world-class innovation with quality products and expert services. In today's global market only industry leaders survive and I commend these entrepreneurial companies for their progressive and ambitious spirit."

U.S. based PII is a workplace training and performance improvement company providing expertise in industrial training, operations, and maintenance of manufacturing, utility, construction, and engineering facilities. Acquiring PII expands the range of dedicated technical industry services LotusGroup provides to its U.S. clients to include training. Customers will now benefit from enhanced training services designed specifically for their business. PO&M is a provider of construction and start-up services for energy industry. With PO&M's capabilities, LotusGroup will now offer energy generating plant expertise for every stage of the energy plant business from design and drawing reviews, construction management, construction QA/QC site management, commissioning and start up to decommissioning of power plants. "PII and PO&M empower and increase our service delivery capabilities considerably," said Steven Ostrowski, President, LotusGroup USA. "These acquisitions continue our history of purchasing strong companies which fit well with our vision of becoming the leading supplier of construction and engineering support services and industrial strength training solutions."

"Combining LotusGroup's quality and expertise with PO&M and PII's market knowledge, and service offerings creates a market-leading construction and engineering company providing customers with industry-leading technical services and support," said Connor Flanagan, Director and General manager, Lotus Automation Ireland Ltd.

LotusGroup USA Inc. consists of two entities; Lotus Automation USA Inc. and KM Kelly Inc. In 2004, the LotusGroup acquired KM Kelly Inc, the electrical and mechanical division of the construction company JH Kelly. Lotus Automation USA Inc. offers technical and engineering support to process industry clients.

About LotusGroup USA

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LotusGroup USA consists of two entities: Lotus Automation USA Inc. & KM Kelly Inc. Both entities are headquartered in Massachusetts. LotusGroup USA is a wholly-owned division of Lotus Automation Ireland Ltd.

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