Wildeck Acquires Arizona-Based Ladder Industries

Waukesha, Wisconsin Manufacturer of Mezzanines, Vertical Lifts, and Safety Guarding Products Expands West with Acquisition of Custom Stair and Safety Ladder Products Manufacturer.

Waukesha, WI – On the heels of its 35th Anniversary celebration, Wildeck, Inc. – headquartered in Waukesha, WI – has announced the acquisition of Ladder Industries, Inc. based in Goodyear, Arizona. Ladder Industries is the West's oldest and most dedicated designer/manufacturer of stair and ladder products with more than 50 years experience serving industrial and commercial customers.

According to Keith G. Pignolet, president, Wildeck, Inc., "The acquisition of Ladder Industries is an ideal fit for Wildeck and signals our ongoing commitment to grow the company while serving the expanding material handling and safety needs of our customers. We are extremely proud to welcome the skilled employees of Ladder Industries to Wildeck's driven, winning team. Ladder Industries is now a subsidiary of Wildeck, Inc. and will continue to operate as a separate business entity."

Ladder Industries has facilities in Goodyear, Arizona, and Sacramento, California with some 30 employees who will now report to Wildeck. The uncompromising quality, appearance, and durability of their custom products have helped Ladder Industries become a preferred brand of stairways, ladders, and rolling access platforms throughout the West. The company is known for the specialized designs it provides, including customized platforms for airplane and helicopter

manufacturing and maintenance. Concurrently, Wildeck has grown to become the industries' leading manufacturer of custom industrial steel work platforms (mezzanines), material lifts (VRCs), and performance-proven safety guarding products.

"Our combined reputation of serving the unique requirements of customers in all types of industries is what makes Ladder Industries and Wildeck a perfect match," said Pignolet. "Our nationwide network of dealers and systems integrators will now have a larger portfolio of quality products and customized facility solutions to offer."

Key markets for Ladder Industries include commercial and military aircraft, distribution centers and warehouses, manufacturing facilities, retail backrooms, automotive parts dealerships, machine builders, paper and steel mills, foundries, and many other industries.

With an emphasis on custom designs, the company manufactures mobile ladder stands; conveyor crossovers; tank access and machine access stairs and work platforms; custom stairways, towers and access gates for mezzanines; and an array of specialized products, including forklift safety platforms; dock ladders; hand trucks; tote dollies; stock picking carts; and other products.

According to Hubert Schlegel – Director of Marketing for Wildeck, "With Ladder Industries as a Wildeck subsidiary, customers now have one powerful team to rely upon for the specialized products they need. Through the efforts of our dedicated team of Employee Owners, Wildeck and Ladder Industries remain committed to helping customers improve their manufacturing and supply chain operations by providing a wide variety of products for both industrial and commercial applications. I know of no other company that has the design expertise and manufacturing capability that Wildeck has today," Schlegel said.

Wildeck, Inc. – based in Waukesha, WI – is a member of the MHIA (Material Handling Industry of America) and is the largest manufacturer of industrial steel work platforms (mezzanines), vertical lifts (VRCs), ladders, and performance-proven safety guarding products in North America. Wildeck products meet all applicable codes and are used for the safe and efficient handling, storage, and protection of materials to improve supply chain efficiency, productivity, and profitability. For some 35 years, the company has grown through a dedicated and experienced network of customer-service-oriented dealers and systems integrators, nationwide.

Wildeck, Inc. is a subsidiary of Holden Industries [1], a 100 percent Employee-Owned Company. For more information on the complete line of Ladder Industries and Wildeck products, visit www.ladderindustries.com [2] or www.wildeck.com [3] or e-mail info@wildeck.com [4].

Ladder Industries – now a subsidiary of Wildeck, Inc. – has facilities in Goodyear, Arizona, and Sacramento, California, and specializes in custom ladder designs and applications, including access platforms for commercial and military aircraft, and helicopter manufacturing and maintenance.

Wildeck, Inc. – based in Waukesha, Wis. – designs and manufactures high quality industrial steel work platforms (mezzanines), safety gates and ladders, stair systems, vertical reciprocating conveyors (material lifts), and numerous safety guarding products.

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