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EXPANDING ITS REACH

MKS Pipe & Valve Co. recently moved into a new headquarters in Kansas City, Kan. Members of the MKS team cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening celebration were (from left in the middle group while two members of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce hold the ribbon): Skip Shepherd, Eric Boydston, Bev Boulware, Harry Hopper, Pat Adams, Ejay Cahill and Steven Adams. In addition to the new headquarters, MKS has expanded its Technical Group, hired new associates, widened its target market and extended its geographical range. Story begins on page 81.

Hardware Holdings acquires Jones Stephens

CRANBURY, N.J. — Hardware Holdings LLC, a leading omni-channel distributor of home and hardware products, recently acquired Jones Stephens Corporation. Jones Stephens is a leading distributor of plumbing specialty products based in Moody, Ala.

Under the Hardware Holdings umbrella, Jones Stephens joins Cranbury, N.J.-based HBC

Home & Hardware Products, a leading distributor of quality products in the home environment, plumbing, paint sundries, security hardware, hardware and houseware categories and Houston-based hardware wholesale distributor, Handy Hardware.

Jones Stephens will continue to operate out of its existing Moody and Pottsville, Pa., facilities, and the current management team will

remain in place.

"Jones Stephens' deep plumbing category focus is a tremendous complement to our Aqua Plumb plumbing products offering, and will enhance the value we can provide to our retail partners in the hardware and general merchandise trades," said Donald C. Devine, CEO of Hardware Holdings.

Devine continued, "Additionally, Jones Stephens' strength with plumbing wholesale distribution opens a new channel for our products, and we believe the acquisition will extend and enhance Jones Stephens' respected industry position.

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PRODUCT NEWS



Sensor faucets

Updated M Power faucets offer top water savings and optimal hygiene protection. Feature sentinel flow, laminar flow kits, and optional temperature mixing lever. No need for specialty batteries; faucets can be converted from battery to AC power. **MOEN**

www.moen.com

Insulated test lead set

These universal silicone-insulated test leads withstand up to double the operating temperature range



than PVC test leads. A more durable banana plug, probe strain reliefs and built-in wear indicator on probe wires make these leads tougher and more reliable than regular test leads. Sold in 48" length. **KLEIN TOOLS**

www.kleintools.com

Hand held shower system

New handheld shower offerings come in three finishes: chrome, brushed nickel and oil rubbed bronze. Each option has a flow rate



of 2.0 GPM at 80 PSI and comes with a 24" metal slide bar, 72" flexible stainless steel hose, and a wall-mounted brass drop ell with vacuum breaker. Meet or exceed ANSI/ASME A112.18.1M/A112.18.1 and IAPMO/cUPC. Lever handles are ADA compliant. Slide bar not designed as a grab bar. **MATCO-NORCA**

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Thermostatic mixing valve



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These forged lead free brass valves provide output ranges from 95°-131°F. (95°-120°F for the Canadian market) making them ideal for point of use, hydronic or water distribution systems. Temperature locking handles ensures user safety. Also available in Compression, Pex, MIP or SWT union connections, sizes 1/2"-1", with or without integral inlet checks and guaranteed for life. **WEBSTONE**

www.webstonevalves.com

Multiturn valve interlock

Introducing the world's smallest multi turn valve interlocks. These are specially designed to fit on all small types of hand wheel operated valves such as gate and globe valves, bar stock, screwed or bolted bonnet valves. They are mounted on multi-turn valves to interlock the locked open and/or locked closed position of the valve. Only if both keys are inserted in the lock portions the valve can be operated. The first key can only



be released in the fully open position the other key can only be released in the fully closed position. Their applications include requiring throttling and frequent operation and on off applications so called Shut off. For example, globe valves or valves with a similar mechanism may be used as sampling valves, which are normally shut except when liquid samples are being taken.

ALCATRAZ INTERLOCKS

www.alcatrazinterlocks.com

Wafer ball valves

Built with a stainless steel body, ball and stem, these new valves feature an anti-static stem design suitable for environments such as refining, chemical handling and processing. They are available in seven sizes: 1", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2", 3" and 4". **BONOMI**

www.bonominorthamerica.com



'Spider' cutter

The Double U-Cutter, nicknamed "The Spider", features both front and rear blades. Cutting starts as the cable feeds into the line and continues as it retracts, doubling its effectiveness. The Double U-Cutter, nicknamed "The Spider", features both front and rear blades. Cutting starts as the cable feeds into the line and continues as it retracts, doubling its effectiveness, and does a more thorough cleaning job. Two models available — the Double U-Cutter and the Double Heavy Duty Side Cutter, each in 3" and 4" sizes. Can be adapted to sectional machines or to other brands of cable-type drain cleaners. **GENERAL PIPE CLEANERS, A DIV. OF GENERAL WIRE SPRING**

www.drainbrain.com



Free-standing tub

The Laney free standing, one piece integrated tub is made of durable acrylic that offers superior strength and stability. Measures 65" x 33.75" x 23.5" — plenty of room for a long, relaxing soak. Further customize the options with floor-mounted high-flow tub filler or a virtual spout, decorative towel bars, curved grab bars, and a bath pillow. **MTI BATHS**

www.mtibaths.com

Long cut metal snips

The Long Cut Straight snips provide an industry-leading 3" cut length through 20 gauge cold rolled steel,



while the Long Cut Offset snips slice through a 2.5" cut length. Offset snips also feature a 45° angle, which keeps users' hands above the cutting material for added protection and control. **MILWAUKEE TOOL**

www.milwaukeetool.com

No-lead push fit ball valve

The P-2200NL is available in push fit x FNPT and push fit x push fit with drop ear configurations. Both are available in 1/2", 3/4" and 1" sizes and are constructed of No Lead and DZR Forged Brass (binary brass). ANSI/ NSF 61-G, ANSI/ NSF 14 and ASSE 1061 certified. The drop ear feature is ideal for stabilizing PEX tubing and affixing PEX CPVC and copper tubing onto a frame or structure. The push fit x FNPT configuration connects PEX, CPVC or copper to a fixture, a piece of equipment or to transition to pipe. Also can isolate an area for repair or replacement. **LEGEND VALVE**

www.legendvalve.com