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**Graham Engineering Corporation, American Kuhne & Welex integrate organization, consolidate locations**

Following the acquisitions of majority interest in American Kuhne (AK) in October 2012 and Welex in June 2013, Graham Engineering Corporation (GEC) announced today that the integration of the organization across the three brands is complete. Also, as announced at the time of its acquisition, Welex manufacturing operations that were in Greenville, NC have been consolidated into GEC operations in York, PA.

“The first Welex line manufactured in York will ship in late January,” said GEC president and CEO David Schroeder. “The customer, an important Welex relationship, visited last week for the factory acceptance test which went perfectly. They were impressed with the Navigator® control system, the team’s proficiency, the quality of their new line produced here, our lab facilities, and the expansion and improvements recently completed,” he added.

“As founder Don Graham said, ‘Together, GEC, AK and Welex create a convergence of leading technologies, people and capabilities in extrusion’,” stated Schroeder. “I’m proud of the way the team has aligned and begun working together for the benefit of our customers worldwide.”



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The Graham Group acquired majority interest in American Kuhne in October 2012 followed by Graham Engineering Corporation's acquisition of Welex in June 2013. Together, Graham Engineering Corporation, American Kuhne & Welex create a convergence of leading technologies, people & capabilities in extrusion. Graham is a privately held company headquartered in York, Pennsylvania, USA.



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