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CITY OF PORT ORANGE SELLS 15 ACRES TO THOMPSON PUMP

Company Expands Global Headquarters For New 100,000 Sq. Ft. Manufacturing Facility

PORT ORANGE, FL. – The City of Port Orange announced today that they have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Port Orange-based Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Co., Inc., a leading manufacturer and provider of high quality pumps, to sell 15 acres of its land for \$1 million. The company's new 100,000 square foot facility, which will be located at 5301 South Williamson Blvd. in Port Orange, will be an expansion to the company's global headquarters to include a manufacturing facility.

Thompson Pump assists customers worldwide with pump rentals, sales, service, repair, design, installation and operational support. The company's Port Orange facility includes all its rental and repair operations. The new site, now under the design phase, will provide space for their manufacturing operation which will include the fabrication of frames, the assembly of pump products, painting and testing. There will also be an area for training classes and pump demonstrations. In addition to manufacturing, the new facility will include office space, which will allow Thompson Pump to grow their business and ultimately, create many new jobs. Construction of the new facility is expected to commence in 2018.

“This sale to Thompson Pump will provide increased growth for them and will help the company concentrate on its core business activity of being a full-service manufacturer and provider of high quality pumps, pumping equipment and engineering expertise,” states Jake Johansson, City Manager for the City of Port Orange. *“The acquisition of land from the sale will provide the company with the expansion they need to create long-term value for their customers and our stakeholders.”*

“This move has been a goal of ours since the early 2000’s, before the recession,” states Chris Thompson, President of Thompson Pump. *“Now that we are seeing the economy rebound, and particularly, the construction and infrastructure spending that is starting to happen across the country, we have the confidence to move forward on this ambitious project.”*

The sale of the property was approved by the City of Port Orange City Council in May 2016. Also, involved in this transaction was the City Manager, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney, the Community Development Director, Senior Planning Manager, Cobb Cole Law Firm and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

“Port Orange has been our home since the beginning, in 1970,” added Thompson. *“We have enjoyed an extremely positive working relationship with everyone at the City. We are very fortunate that these leaders in the City of Port Orange are forward thinkers, and have created a community where a company like Thompson Pump can thrive.”*

Currently, Thompson Pump employs approximately 140 people in the Port Orange and neighboring communities, with the majority in Port Orange. Thompson Pump has sold pumps in every state in the USA and more than 40 other countries in the company’s history with every one of them having a label that reads, “Thompson Pump, Port Orange, Florida.”

About Thompson Pump

Thompson Pump, a 47-year old family-owned company based in Port Orange, Fla., is a full-service manufacturer and provider of high quality pumps, pumping equipment and engineering expertise for the toughest dewatering, bypass and emergency pumping applications. Since 1970, Thompson Pump has assisted clients worldwide with pump rentals, sales, service, repair, design, installation and operational support. Thompson Pump operates sales, rental and service centers throughout the United States with 20 branches. The company is also aligned with distributors around the world. Thompson Pump is a Blue Chip Enterprise Award winner and their products meet the requirements for certification as defined by the Contractors Pump Bureau. Thompson Pump holds numerous product patents along with the registered trademarks of Enviroprime®, Silent Knight®, and Arctic Knight®.

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