



Knox Lawrence International, LLC and Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC acquire Dearborn Mid-West Conveyor Co. from Tomkins plc.

Knox Lawrence International, LLC (“KLI”), a New York based private equity firm, and Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC (“Falcon”), a Boston and New York based private equity firm, today announced they have closed on the acquisition of Dearborn Mid-West Conveyor Co. (“DMW”), a leading provider of turn-key full service conveyor systems to the utility, automotive and parcel end-markets.

Founded in 1947, DMW has operations in Taylor, Michigan and Fairway, Kansas from where it designs, fabricates and installs complex, highly engineered overhead conveyor systems, inverted power and free conveyor systems, skillet systems, pipe conveyors and automatic electrified monorail systems, primarily for utility and automotive clients. DMW has over 150 employees and generates \$200 million in revenues.

Johnson Kachidza, Managing Principal at Knox Lawrence International said, “We are excited about DMW’s prospects in serving the growing needs of its utility clients to comply with the EPA’s reduced emissions requirements for coal fired plants. We believe DMW creates an excellent platform to further our strategy of pursuing investments related to the utility sector and are delighted to partner with Falcon and the Management team on this opportunity.”

KLI was advised by Seneca Partners, a Michigan based investment bank. A syndicate of banks including Huntington National Bank, Citizens Bank and Fifth Third Bank participated in the transaction.

About Knox Lawrence International, LLC:

Knox Lawrence International, LLC is a New York-based private equity firm focused on acquiring and growing middle market non-core subsidiaries of Fortune 500 and other large companies in sectors that are undergoing significant transitions such as the utility sector. Knox Lawrence focuses its investment activities in the following sectors: IT Services, Business Process Outsourcing and Energy Services. The firm has historically made acquisitions of non-core subsidiaries of US based publicly traded utilities and used these acquisitions as platforms to build high growth businesses.

About Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC:

Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC is a leading provider of mezzanine and private equity capital in support of buyouts, growth and acquisition programs, recapitalizations and restructurings. Its principals having executed in excess of 100 leveraged finance transactions over a twenty year period, and backed by some of the world's largest

institutional private equity investors, Falcon is one of the most experienced and resourceful junior capital providers available to North American middle market companies and their sponsors.