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Elastec, Inc. Acquires Kepner Plastics Fabricators, Inc.

Elastec (Carmi, IL) is excited to announce the acquisition of Kepner Plastics (Torrance, CA). Kepner was founded in 1961 and grew to become well known in industrial circles as one of the outstanding custom plastic fabricators in the world. Kepner broke into the oil spill response industry in 1968 after the invention of the SeaCurtain Boom. The international success of the SeaCurtain Boom allowed the expansion of products to build a large and impressive portfolio. Over the decades, Kepner has gained a worldwide reputation for quality response products which reflect their slogan, “When it **has** to work!”

Recognizing the quality of the product, Elastec approached Kepner President, Frank Meyers, and made an offer to acquire the entire product line and assets. Elastec CEO, Mark Hilliard commented “The technology that Kepner has developed will fit perfectly into the Elastec family of products. We are looking forward to working with ~~their~~ existing clients as well as introducing their equipment to new users.” As of April 29, 2022, all inquiries to Kepner Plastics will be received by Elastec. “We look forward to continuing the tradition of building equipment that **has** to work.” Hilliard added.

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ABOUT ELASTEC

With 75 years of combined manufacturing experience, Elastec (Carmi and Fairfield, Illinois) and its American Marine division (Cocoa, Florida) design, develop and distribute environmental products such as oil spill response equipment, floating containment booms and barriers, and portable incinerators in 155 countries.

Elastec revolutionized oil spill recovery technology with the invention of the drum skimmer in 1990. Since then, the company has developed a broad portfolio of environmental cleanup products: oil skimmers, oil boom, boom reels, Hydro-Fire™ Boom, American Fireboom, BoomVane™, work boats, SmartAsh, MediBurn, and Drug Terminator incinerators, turbidity curtains, Brute Boom, and trash/debris devices to keep our world clean.

Elastec's American Fireboom and Hydro-Fire® Boom systems were used extensively in the Deepwater Horizon incident for the insitu burning (ISB) of oil in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. Elastec's Hydro-Fire® Boom holds the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the "[Longest Continuous Burn of Oil Spilled at Sea](#)" for its performance during the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

Elastec's American Marine division in Florida has been manufacturing floating booms, barriers, baffles and turbidity curtains since 1967 to protect sensitive marine habitats from silt and sediment pollution as well as to control floating trash, debris and invasive aquatic weeds in our waterways, rivers and oceans.

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