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**Global Brass and Copper and the Wieland Group** announced today that they have completed their previously announced merger. This combination provides an opportunity to grow with our suppliers as it is joining complementary manufacturing capabilities, distribution networks and product offerings, enabling the combined company to serve more customers in more geographies with the highest quality and a premier range of copper and copper alloy products.

We are excited about this development and the value it will deliver to our customers, suppliers and employees. Combining our two highly complementary companies with diverse product offerings will establish a leading manufacturing, service and distribution network with the capability to serve a wide variety of industries while creating value for customers. In addition, our commitment to operational excellence, technology, R&D and providing innovative products, services and solutions will enable the new Wieland Group to collaborate in unique ways with customers and suppliers worldwide.

To deliver these benefits to the industry, we are forming the new organization by **combining former GBC operating units (including A.J. Oster) with existing elements of the Wieland operations in the USA**. We intend to align them all under the strength of the global Wieland brand. Importantly, current leadership will remain in place. Greg Keown, President, will lead the newly formed Wieland Metal Services group as we move towards full conversion from A.J. Oster, Wieland Brookes, and Wieland Diversified.

As a valued supplier, continuing a strong collaborative working relationship to grow our respective businesses remains a top priority. As part of that effort, we intend to deliver a seamless transition as we move towards our combined organization. Business as usual will continue for now, including our tax identification number and remittance practices, with full integration taking place over the next several months. We are committed to keeping lines of communication open during this period to provide updates, answer questions you may have, and to discuss how your company can take advantage of our expanded capabilities going forward.

We greatly value the relationship we have with your organization and thank you for your support as we integrate our business and develop new opportunities to collaborate. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your normal business contact or us with any questions you may have regarding this transaction.

Sincerely,

Greg Keown  
President, Wieland Metal Services

Dr. Erwin Mayr  
CEO Wieland Group