Dry Systems Technologies®, a leading supplier of diesel exhaust emissions reduction technologies for mining and construction equipment, recently completed its first full year of operation at the company’s new Southern Illinois equipment manufacturing and rebuild facility.

In early 2006, the company had outgrown its main office and warehousing facilities located in Woodridge, Illinois. Additional space was needed to continue the expansion of its business, particularly in the areas of complete machinery rebuilding, DST™ installation services and the development and supply of several new equipment designs. To meet the increasing demand for its products, and its new product development plans, DST™ purchased a 33-acre site located in Vienna, Illinois. The new facility includes 11 equipment bays built on 10-inch reinforced concrete floors, warehouse and storage space, and an additional 2,000 sq. ft. of office space. The facility was initially staffed by hiring an exceptionally experienced managerial group and staff of mechanics, welders, fabricators and assemblers to allow the new facility to hit the ground running. Subsequently DST™ has continued to add experienced personnel as its business volumes have continued to expand. The new shop produced its first complete machine rebuild, a permissible Coal Hauler, in less than eight weeks after opening its doors for operation.

This success was followed by multiple DST™ installation projects on equipment from numerous Midwestern mines, as well as several pieces of equipment sent in from as far away as Colorado and Canada. Multiple total machinery rebuilds, many including re-powering with modern diesel engines and the DST™ emissions control package, have been completed including scoops, tractors, coal haulers, shield haulers and personnel carriers. Units have been supplied for both permissible and non-permissible applications. DST™ has also developed and built several brand-new pieces of equipment, including a line of heavy duty skid steer loaders, and its recently introduced remote-controlled belt clean-up loader, all complete with the company’s state of the art diesel emissions control system providing up to 97 percent total DPM emission reduction. The new shop is also heavily involved in the production of the company’s MSHA certified 116 HP and 185 HP permissible power packages, and several other new product designs that are on the table for future production. Included are plans for building a new line of underground diesel powered scoops, with the first units planned for delivery in 2008.

The company is now beginning the first stage of its facility expansion plans. It recently broke ground for two new buildings which will provide an additional 10,000 square feet of working space to support the company’s growth plan. This new space will provide area for brand-new paint booth facilities, machining and fabrication, environmentally friendly equipment wash bay, and a dynamometer equipped testing laboratory for the continued evaluation, improvement and introduction of new products to fill the needs of the company’s growing customer base. Construction of these new areas is expected to be completed by the end of the year and should be in full operation in early 2008.

According to DST™ president Ron Eberhart, the company believes strongly that by working closely with and hearing well the needs of its valued customers, Dry Systems Technologies is well positioned to continue its path as a respected supplier to a vital mining community, one which it feels privileged to serve.

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