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Darrell H. Cole, President & CEO of The United Distribution Group and Richard A. Harrison, President of GHX Industrial announce the acquisition of Dandy Specialties, Inc., headquartered in Abilene, TX. Dandy, founded in 1981, is an industrial distributor of specialized drilling rig and wellhead components and is comprised of three facilities in Abilene, TX; Odessa, TX and Hobbs, NM. Dandy will operate as a division of McCarty Equipment Co., a subsidiary of GHX Industrial.

Richard A. Harrison, President of Houston, TX based GHX Industrial stated that he is very excited that Dandy Specialties is now a part of the GHX Industrial portfolio of companies.

Kelly McCarty, President of Abilene, TX based McCarty Equipment, stated that the addition of Dandy will provide McCarty Equipment with the opportunity to expand its product and service offering to the upstream gas and oil industry.

Former owner, Andy Weatherby, who remains with the Dandy organization will work closely with Kelly McCarty, stated that he and the entire team are extremely excited to now be associated with The United Distribution Group family of companies..

### About The United Distribution Group

With 70 locations throughout North America, the subsidiaries of The United Distribution Group and its divisions are leading providers of products and services to a variety of industries including oil & gas, mining, power generation, petrochemical, agriculture, marine and various other industries.

#### About GHX Industrial, LLC

Headquartered in Houston, TX, GHX provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses) and other products to a variety of industries, particularly the power generation, refining and petrochemical, mining, agriculture, marine and upstream oil and gas enterprises. GHX operates 48 locations throughout the United States and Canada.

# About McCarty Equipment Company

Founded in 1976 and headquartered in Abilene, TX, McCarty consists of 24 locations in nine states and provinces throughout the US and Canada and provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses), valves and other products to the upstream oil and gas industry.

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