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Forsyth Capital Adds Vante Inc. to its Medical Device Equipment Platform

ST. LOUIS — September 3, 2013 — Forsyth Capital Investors, LLC, an investment firm targeting the manufacturing and insurance services sectors, announced the acquisition of Vante Inc. by its current portfolio company Machine Solutions Inc. This is the first add-on acquisition for Machine Solutions since being acquired by Forsyth Capital in November 2011 and accelerates Machine Solutions' growth and diversification in the medical device equipment sector.

"Vante's products and diverse customers and applications strengthen Machine Solutions' vision of building the leading global supplier of automation and testing equipment to the medical device industry," explained Ryan Gable, co-founder of Forsyth Capital and Chairman of Machine Solutions. "The two companies know each other well and we're excited to be combining these great companies, teams and cultures."

Forsyth Capital's model more effectively drives value to its portfolio companies by combining the positive aspects of private equity investing with the strategic operational expertise offered by Barry-Wehmiller, a diversified global supplier of manufacturing technology and services, which helped to launch Forsyth Capital in 2009. "Similar to Barry-Wehmiller, strategic acquisitions are a large part of our growth strategy. The Vante transaction is a perfect first acquisition for Machine Solutions that will add to its organic growth initiatives," stated Kyle Chapman, managing director and co-founder of Forsyth Capital.

Although part of Machine Solutions, Vante retains its base and employees in Tucson, AZ. Company headquarters will be at Machine Solutions in Flagstaff, AZ. Vante and Machine Solutions will offer combined global sales and service capabilities throughout North America, Europe and Asia with additional offices in Minneapolis, San Francisco and Frankfurt, Germany. As a result of the acquisition, Machine Solutions grows to more than 150 team members worldwide with 10,000+ machine installations.

Commenting on the announcement, Machine Solutions CEO and co-founder Dan Kasprzyk said, "This acquisition signals the initiation of a thoughtfully planned strategy for continued growth through our partnership with Forsyth Capital." Brent Fausett, Vante's President, stated "Vante is excited to be teaming up with Machine Solutions and to bring our combined customers around the world an even broader range of best of breed, cuttingedge products and services in the exciting and growing medical device field."

About Forsyth Capital Investors, LLC

Forsyth Capital Investors is a St. Louis-based investment firm focused on making long-term investments in middle-market companies operating in the capital equipment and component manufacturing and insurance services sectors. Forsyth Capital's investment approach offers a balanced blend of private equity fundamentals and significant operational expertise made possible by its strategic relationship with Barry-Wehmiller Companies, Inc., a diversified capital equipment manufacturer. Because of its unique relationship with an active operating company, Forsyth Capital Investors offers many of the value-added resources of a strategic partner, while maintaining the entrepreneurial spirit and autonomy of the portfolio company's leadership team. For more information, visit www.forsythcapital.com.

About Vante Inc.

Vante is a global technology company that designs and produces products for the precise manipulation of medical plastics. The company serves more than 500 customers and works with more than 23 partners to distribute its products globally. Vante



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has been a leader in the medical device manufacturing industry since 1976. Specializing in the four categories of catheter manufacturing equipment, biopharmaceutical equipment, industrial applications and OEM solutions, Vante's products include their own manufacturing systems, industrial tube sealers, and plastic sealing and welding technology. For additional information please visit www.vante.com.

About Machine Solutions Inc.

Flagstaff, Ariz.-based Machine Solutions Inc. was founded with the mission of providing innovative and effective proprietary mechanical solutions to a variety of complex process, testing and device design challenges and has become the industry standard for stent crimping, balloon catheter pleating & folding, marker band swaging, and many other types of equipment. MSI has been instrumental in automating manual processes within catheter and stent manufacturing operations and within the medical device industry. For more information, visit www.machinesolutions.com.

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