



DeZurik buys Illinois company

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SARTELL — Sartell-based DeZurik, a valve manufacturer, has reached a definitive agreement to acquire APCO Willamette of Schaumburg, Ill.

The APCO valve lines will complement DeZurik's present products and significantly expand the business, DeZurik said in an announcement this morning.

Under terms of the agreement effective March 31, DeZurik will acquire all APCO products and production capability. APCO operations will continue in their present facilities, which include a manufacturing plant in Schaumburg and a sales office in San Clemente, Calif. The APCO name will be retained as a brand of DeZurik. Consolidated business operations will be directed from DeZurik headquarters in Sartell.

APCO, with a history dating back 100 years, pioneered valve and hydraulics technology, according to DeZurik. The products of both companies are commonly used together on shut-off and flow control applications in water treatment plants, in piping systems and in industrial plants.

DeZurik said the APCO acquisition represents a major strategic expansion in the company's ability to serve water controls markets. The acquisition is expected to increase the business of both companies.

DeZurik has operated in its present Sartell location for more than 70 years. The company operates under a Minnesota-based ownership and management structure that was re-established in 2005 with formation of Sartell Valves Inc.

Granite Equity Partners, a local private investment firm that governs and grows companies in outstate Minnesota, is the majority owner of DeZurik Inc.

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