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***Houston, Texas – June 2, 2015*** - Houston based GHX Industrial ([www.ghxinc.com](http://www.ghxinc.com)), a wholly owned subsidiary of The United Distribution Group ([www.udginc.com](http://www.udginc.com)), announced today that it has acquired the assets and operations of Alabama based Valley of Birmingham.

*VOB located in Pelham, Alabama was purchased in 1983 by Jerald Johns and Richard Anderson and operates from a 10,600 square foot facility.*

*Valley of Birmingham is a value added distributor of gaskets and fluid sealing products sourced from world - class manufacturing partners such as Garlock and Thermoseal. In addition, VOB provides a wide range of MRO products and is well known by its customers for its factory trained and certified specialists and for providing 24/7 service as well as “just in time” service throughout the region it serves. Mr. Johns will remain with GHX and assume leadership for this location as Branch Manager.*

*“Expanding our North American service area is an ongoing strategic focus for the United Distribution Group and the acquisition of the Valley of Birmingham location compliments our already strong North American presence” said Darrell Cole, President & CEO of The United Distribution Group.*

*Richard Harrison, President of GHX Industrial stated “GHX is excited to welcome the VOB team to our organization. Their relationships and service record in the Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia region specifically in the Power Generation and OEM sectors continues to strengthen the GHX portfolio and will provide additional synergy throughout the Northern Alabama territory when coupled with our current Decatur, Alabama branch.”*

***About GHX Industrial***

*Headquartered in Houston, TX, GHX provides fluid sealing (gaskets), fluid transfer (hoses) and other products to a variety of industries including refining and petrochemical, upstream oil and gas, power generation, mining, agriculture and marine enterprises. GHX operates 60 locations throughout the United States and Canada.*

***About The United Distribution Group***

*With 85 locations throughout North America, the subsidiaries of The United Distribution Group 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.*

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