

Press Release

SureWerx Acquires Jackson Safety® and Wilson Brands From Kimberly-Clark Professional

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (December 20, 2018) – SureWerx, a leading supplier of professional tools, equipment, and safety products announced today that it has acquired the Jackson Safety® and WILSON® Safety brands from Kimberly-Clark Professional, a leading global supplier of workplace products and solutions.

The acquisition includes the Industrial Welding business along with select portions of the Industrial Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) businesses. Together these comprise Welding Helmets, Welding Accessories, Welding Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR,) Welding Barriers, Industrial Respiratory, Face Protection, Head Protection, and Hearing Protection categories.

“We are very excited to welcome Jackson Safety and Wilson to SureWerx’s growing portfolio of world-class brands” said Bill Jeffery, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Brand Development. “We know that our customers appreciate the rich history behind both of these brands along with the high standards of quality and safety that they represent. We are delighted to take another step forward in our goal to become a global leader in worker safety and productivity.”

The sale is part of Kimberly-Clark Professional’s ongoing effort to streamline its global safety and scientific businesses and accelerate growth across its Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) categories including apparel, gloves, and eyewear, and is consistent with the goals of the company’s Global Restructuring Program announced in January, 2018.

“Divesting the welding and select non-core categories will allow us to focus on our primary PPE categories – apparel, gloves, and eyewear,” said Aaron Powell, Global President, Kimberly-Clark Professional. “By bringing these three categories together under the company’s bold, just relaunched KleenGuard brand, we can focus on delivering solutions for workers in the advanced manufacturing segment and drive even greater scale across our growing global Personal Protection Equipment business.”

About SureWerx

Co-headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Elgin Illinois, SureWerx™ is a leading supplier of professional tool, equipment and safety products for workers. SureWerx markets its products in Canada under the JET®, Strongarm®, ITC®, STARTECH®, Pioneer®, Ranpro®, PeakWorks®, and Sellstrom® brands, and in the United States under the American Forge & Foundry®, Pioneer, Ranpro, PeakWorks, and Sellstrom brands. SureWerx offers unparalleled access to its brands through its partner distributor network servicing the industrial, construction, safety, and automotive aftermarket in North America. For more information, please visit us at www.surewerx.com or www.surewerx.ca.

About Kimberly-Clark Professional

Kimberly-Clark Professional partners with businesses to create Exceptional Workplaces, helping to make them healthier, safer, and more productive. Key brands in this segment include Kleenex, Scott, WypAll, and Kimtech. To see how Kimberly-Clark Professional is helping people around the world to work better, please visit www.kcprofessional.com.

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