

## HAMMERSMITH MFG. ADDS NEW WATERJET CUTTING MACHINE INTO HOLTON FACILITY

Horton KS./Dec 8/ Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc., headquartered in Horton, Ks. announces the addition of a new Flow International TITAN-HCW 4012 Ultra-High Pressure (UHP) waterjet cutting machine into its Holton, Ks. facility. The addition of the TITAN-HCW 4012, with its massive 15' wide x 40' long cutting bed and 35' wide x 50' long footprint expands Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc.'s capabilities and adds jobs into the Holton facility. Building modifications, including the addition of overhead cranes, started last week and the machine installation is to begin this week.

"This is a huge project and undertaking at this time given the nation's overall poor economic outlook," said Ed Hammersmith, President of Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc.

"We are very excited about the addition of the TITAN waterjet and its dynamic technology," added Ed Hammersmith. "It is the only device of its size and kind in the entire Midwest, and we believe it will trigger significant growth, opportunities and employment as we expand our presence in the marketplace. This new machine will provide additional precision capabilities to our ever growing base of trademark quality services, and our clients continue to recognize the value of our services and our ability to meet their complex needs and requirements."

"The Holton community has been supportive of our efforts to continue to expand our operations there," Hammersmith noted, "especially the Jackson County Development Corporation. Even though JCDC has not provided any direct incentives for this project, JCDC staff continues to assist us with other needs and issues at our Holton facility."

The TITAN-HCW 4012 can cut carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, stone, plastics, composites, glass, ceramics, rubber and a myriad of other materials— all up to 8 inches thick with no heat-affected zone while attaining manufacturing precision and superior edge quality. The one-of-a-kind machine extends Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc.'s existing core of fabrication and machining offerings.

Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc., founded in 1964, is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of superior quality fabricated and machined products and services. Hammersmith Mfg. and Sales Inc. is the parent company of Vail Products, the leading manufacturer of aftermarket severe-duty attachments for the large construction equipment industry,

and is the manufacturer of the Ergoturn©, the innovative triple-axis Welding & Parts Positioner.

Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc. has facilities and offices in Horton, Holton and Overland Park, Kansas.

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