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Weapons and Aircraft Support Equipment

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The PDI Group Acquires the Assets of KWD Manufacturing

CLEVELAND, OHIO USA – January 7, 2019 – The PDI Group (PDI) is pleased to announce the acquisition of the assets of KWD Manufacturing (KWD), a defense contractor specializing in the design and manufacture of aircraft support equipment primarily for the C-130 Hercules, as well as the P-3 Orion, C-5 Galaxy, F-16 Fighting Falcon and other aircraft (website: www.kwdmfg.com). The name of the company will now be KWD Aircraft Support Equipment, which recognizes the brand and better highlights the company's product lines. Founded in 1987, KWD is located in San Antonio, Texas USA.

“The acquisition of KWD made a lot of sense because of the depth of its product line and international brand. This acquisition will allow us to gain access to a new market within our industry while also providing additional manufacturing capacity,” said PDI Chairman and CEO, Irwin Haber. “We will look to leverage our international contacts to expand KWD’s revenues and, at the same time, deploy a similar operational business model to the one we have at PDI to ensure business growth and profitability,” added Nathan Haber, Vice President - Sales and Business Development.

PDI Ground Support Systems, another member company of The PDI Group, operating in the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio USA, is a leading designer and manufacturer of weapons handling systems and other ground support equipment used by the United States Air Force, Navy, Army and over 45 allied air forces worldwide. It also specializes in the design and manufacture of axle systems used to mobilize other manufacturer’s ground support products. In May 2018, PDI Ground Support Systems received the President’s “E” Award for exporting excellence and, in 2017, was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the exporter of the year for federal Region V.

Annual revenues of The PDI Group will now approximate \$20 million with the addition of KWD. For more information on The PDI Group, please visit www.thepdigroup.com.

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