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Rapid Industries, owner of Gateway Conveyor Inc. are pleased to announce the retirement of Jeff and Karen Clos, founders and previous owners of Gateway Conveyor for nearly twenty-years. Jeff built this company from the ground up, all along specializing in Conveyance Systems for the Automotive and Appliance Industry. Gateway, in its modest shop in Erlanger KY, built hundreds of custom; “Top-shelf” conveyor systems creating the synergies for Rapid to Purchase Gateway one year ago.

Rapid Industries is also proud to announce John Estes, who will be taking over for Jeff as the primary contact and General Manager of Gateway Conveyor. John was hired for this position because of his management knowhow of utilizing the strengths of the larger corporation Rapid while still giving the small company attention, that Jeff provided for all those years. John will have access to Rapid’s Louisville Manufacturing Headquarters, Rapids Overhead Product Lines, Rapid Georgetown’s Systems Engineering Group and Wise Industries CNC Machine Shop along with all the backroom support required to exponentially grow Gateway Conveyor, to a world leader in conveyance systems similar to Rapid. Gateway Conveyor will remain in Erlanger as a sales, engineering and assembly location.

Everyone here at Rapid wishes Jeff and Karen the best and assures our customers that John Estes will handle Gateways customer’s needs.

Best Regards,

John F. Thornton

Chief Executive Officer/President

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