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## INVESTING IN A MARKET DRIVEN FUTURE Alexandria Extrusion Company Acquires State Of The Art Equipment

Alexandria Extrusion Company announces their investment in an extrusion profile cooling system and automated press handling systems. Alexandria Extrusion Company, founded in 1966 is a precision aluminum extruder based out of Alexandria, Minnesota. The organization is driven by discovering innovative, value-added solutions to their markets' needs.

A market driven mentality and precision manufacturing focus has created a great opportunity for the company to invest in highly automated, state of the art equipment to support their markets' highly precise and rigorous requirements. Their relentless search for new and innovative manufacturing solutions brought them to Cometel Engineering headquartered in Brescia, Italy. Cometel offered a stand alone, multi-stage system, which features streamlined processes from the extrusion press to automatic stacking of aluminum extrusion lineal components.

Alexandria Extrusion Company's new Balance Intensive Cooling System (BICS) allows immediate quench of an aluminum extrusion profile, preserving the extrusion profile characteristics, mechanical properties and tolerances while causing a minimal variance of cosmetic appearance from one cycle to the next. These benefits are achieved utilizing a quenching system able to produce a 900-gallon per minute water spray and a 175 horsepower per 16 feet of forced air-cooling. Each aluminum extrusion profile is evaluated, programmed and process-repeated through advanced computer systems technology offered by Cometel Engineering and customized to Alexandria Extrusion Company's manufacturing specifications.

Other stages of the equipment's capabilities include a Dual Puller-Handling System, which maintains steady pull force on the extrusion, relying on the complexity and weight of the extrusion profile and ram speeds of the aluminum extrusion press. The Dual Puller-Handling System reduces dead cycle time from billet to billet and improves the straightness of product being extruded, to minimize scrap and improve overall yield throughout the manufacturing floor.

Alexandria Extrusion Company is known for developing and investing in 40 years of innovative manufacturing practices and holds true to their preferred, historical existence in the aluminum extrusion industry. They have become a market driven organization by creating solutions to market needs, while providing domestically enhanced manufacturing processes and systems to serve their customers globally.

For more information about Alexandria Extrusion Company, please contact the corporate offices at 320-763-6537 or visit the company web site at [www.alexandrialextrusion.com](http://www.alexandrialextrusion.com).

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