

NORDCO RAIL SERVICES PRESS RELEASE

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DAPCO TECHNOLOGIES RELAUNCHED AS NORDCO RAIL SERVICES WITH NEW FOCUS, LEADERSHIP AND FACILITY

In a move designed to emphasize the synergy between rail diagnostic services and the engineering departments at the railroads, Dapco Technologies has changed its name to Nordco Rail Services. The company has also named a new president, Chris Smitka, and has relocated to a new facility in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Dapco Technologies was previously the service arm of Dapco Industries of Ridgefield, Connecticut, a designer and manufacturer of mobile and on-site non-destructive ultrasonic inspection systems for railroads and other industries.

Nordco Rail Services is now a stand-alone company with its own newly appointed President, Chris Smitka. Smitka, who has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kansas, brings seventeen years of railroad industry experience to the company. He previously worked for the BNSF Railroad in various capacities, including Manager of Engineering and Car Design Engineer. He also served as Regional Sales Manager at Miner Enterprises, a designer and manufacturer of railcar components, and as Director of Operations at AllCapital Rail Management, a railcar leasing company.

"We've rebranded the company as Nordco Rail Services," said Smitka. "While we are a separate entity, the name change underscores our affiliation with the highly regarded Nordco companies and their emphasis on superior quality and service. I believe we have the best people and the right resources to be the premier provider of rail flaw detection services in the industry. We are also fortunate to have the ability to leverage Nordco's tremendous industry knowledge and customer support, and will continue to utilize the cutting edge technology developed by our sister company Dapco Industries."

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“Our only focus at Nordco Rail Services will be predictive rail management. By concentrating our efforts on this critical task and partnering with the railroads we will develop innovations that are second to none. We are confident that our technology is already the best in the industry, and we are continuing to refine our capabilities.”

According to Smitka, the recent move to a new 6,000 square-foot facility is part of the company’s strategy to improve the overall quality of service to its railroad customers.

“For the first time, we will have an on-site training facility so we can offer our customers hands-on experience working with our ultrasonic rail inspection technology. This will give us the chance to get real-time feedback of our systems and work side-by-side with our customers in the development of new technology,” said Smitka. “The new building also includes two large truck bays, making it possible for us to test and modify our vehicles with the latest modules and upgrades.”

Both Nordco Rail Services and Dapco Industries are owned by Nordco Inc. of Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Nordco, long known as a designer and manufacturer of railroad maintenance-of-way machinery, has in recent years expanded into other, related segments of the industry. The Nordco family of companies also includes Shuttlewagon of Grandview, Missouri and J.E.R. Overhaul of Arcola, Illinois.

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