

Tulsa Companies Announce Agreement to Merge

Lektron LED Technologies LLC (“Lektron”), U.S. Sign & Screenprinting LLC (“U.S. Sign”) and Metalworx Fabrication LLC (“Metalworx”) are pleased to announce a joint merger agreement to combine the operations of the three long-time Tulsa based companies. The new combined entity will be renamed Lektron Branding Solutions, which signals the combined company’s focus on physical products for the corporate imaging marketplace. The company’s product offerings will include custom LED lighting solutions, signage, product identification offerings and custom apparel solutions.

The leadership team of the combined entity will be comprised of current leaders of the three entities. Devin Wanzor, current President of U.S. Sign, will serve as President; Johnny Hillenberg, current Operations Manager of Lektron, will serve as Vice President of Operations; Jason Peters, current General Manager of Metalworx, will serve as Vice President of Manufacturing.

Devin Wanzor had this to say about the planned merger, “The combination of our three companies is an idea that makes sense on many levels. The sum of the three teams is certainly much greater than the individual parts. We are all very different, but complementary to each other when it comes to where we excel and where we have challenges. In addition, the type of customers we each seek and serve look very similar. We believe that together we can offer our customers a product set that is more complete than any competitor in our space and deliver it with a team and a process that will truly set us apart.”

“We announced these plans to our combined teams in May of this year,” says Johnny Hillenberg. “Since that time, we’ve been working diligently to shape our desired culture of this new entity and plan in detail how we’ll serve our customers going forward. As we’ve dug deeper over the past several months and plans have begun to fall into place, we’ve become even more excited about what the future of this new combined entity holds for our employees, customers, suppliers and our community. We believe we are going to create something very special.”

Although the three companies have already begun to work closely together, the merger will become officially effective on January 1, 2019. An affiliate of the companies has acquired the former Kaiser Aluminum building located on 41st Street at 74th East Avenue. The 46,000 square foot facility is currently undergoing a complete top-to-bottom renovation in preparation for the move in late 2018 into early 2019.

Jason Peters had this to add about the merger and new facility, “When we first saw the old Kaiser Aluminum space, it had been sitting empty for years and was in bad shape. However, since we began working on the space in July, it has come together quite nicely, and we’re proud to transform it into something that can be a great tool to help propel our new team forward into the future.”

About [Lektron LED Technologies LLC](#): In 1995, Lektron LED Technologies was the first company in the world to introduce LED lighting of any kind in a commercial application. They held the first patent of a linear LED component specifically designed to replace fluorescent lighting, which was the global standard for linear lighting. Lektron's trusted design and construction of LED accent lighting systems have become a benchmark for both quality and innovation. They focus on standardized components and simple, effective designs which equate to reliability. With well over 20 years of experience in the LED industry, Lektron remains committed to providing creative, strategic, and purposeful lighting solutions that will make a lasting impression on its customers' brands and businesses.

About [U.S. Sign & Screenprinting LLC](#): Founded in 1950, the company has traditionally focused on the real estate brokerage industry (both commercial and residential) and various industrial signage categories. The acquisition of A&J Markings, Inc. in August of 2015 provided U.S. Sign & Screenprinting an entrance into the industrial Product Identification line of business (industrial nameplates, decals and other branding needs). The company established a custom apparel division in early 2016 to expand product offerings to include custom screen printed and embroidered clothing. In late 2016, the company acquired 20/20 Sign Design in order to expand its product offering into the multi-family housing market. Finally, in late 2017, U.S. Sign acquired AT Clothing in order to expand its capabilities and market reach in the custom apparel space.

About [Metalworx Fabrication LLC](#): Originally part of Hadtek Manufacturing, Metalworx Fabrication was purchased in October of 2012 under its current ownership. Founded in the late 90's, Hadtek had provided metal fabrication to Sonic, Burger King, and other national brands. Today, Metalworx is based in Tulsa, Oklahoma and provides sheet metal and light structural steel fabrication for local and national accounts. Capabilities include cutting, forming, punching, and MIG & TIG welding.