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Knight Material Technologies Triples Capacity at New Gulf Coast Facility

East Canton, OH, August 13, 2024 – Knight Material Technologies, a leading provider of custom acid-resistant linings for the chemical process and mining industries, announced today the opening of its new state-of-the-art facility in the Houston area. This expansive 21,000-square-foot location will serve as a centralized hub for the company's three complementary divisions, combining expertise to better serve customers in the Gulf Coast region, particularly for chemical processing and specialty chemicals companies.

This strategic move represents a significant milestone for Knight Material Technologies, tripling the company's available manufacturing/service capacity and combining both office and shop operations under one roof. The Gulf Coast is home to more than half of U.S. downstream chemical production. This new facility offers comprehensive services for corrosion protection that directly address challenges in the chemical processing industry to protect and extend the lifespan of critical equipment.

"Our new Houston-area facility joins all three divisions, Knight, Electro Chemical Manufacturing (ECM) and Superior Dual Laminates (SDL), in this modern, spacious location. These combined capabilities allow us to address a wide range of lining applications specifically designed for highly aggressive, corrosive environments," stated Kevin Brooks, President of Knight Material Technologies. "With a high concentration of our customers located on the Gulf Coast, this expansion allows us to be more responsive and flexible by offering a unique combination of specialty lining requirements to meet their needs."

This new facility offers customers several key advantages:

• **Increased capacity** with triple the space of the previous location, allowing KMT to handle more projects simultaneously and reducing customer wait times.

- **Improved efficiency** through better management oversight, coordination and quality control in the combined office and manufacturing space.
- Reduced transportation costs and times, with the ability to complete projects closer to our customers' facilities.
- **Enhanced collaboration** by housing three divisions with complementary corrosion protection capabilities under one roof, facilitating improved teamwork on complex projects that require multiple specialized services.

KMT's new facility has two overhead cranes to efficiently handle a wide range of project sizes, particularly those with larger vessels. The company can now more easily accommodate projects that would have proven challenging at the old facility, such as specialized quench vessels for hydrochloric acid applications.

The chemical processing industry is a linchpin in the U.S. economy, supporting more than 25% of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). According to the American Chemistry Council, Texas alone accounts for approximately 75% of the U.S. chemical industry's export production.

The Knight Material Technologies family of products includes ceramic-based high-temperature and corrosion-resistant brick, mortars and packing materials (KMT), fluoropolymer-lined corrosion equipment from Electro Chemical Manufacturing (ECM), and dual laminate (Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic) based corrosion piping, headers, and tanks from Superior Dual Laminates.

About Knight Material Technologies: Founded in 1910, Knight Material Technologies (KMT) designs, installs, services and manufactures custom acid-resistant linings used in highly corrosive processes for the chemical and mining industries worldwide. Headquartered in East Canton, OH, the company sells products in more than 40 countries, with sales offices in Australia and Chile and a fabrication shop in Baytown, Texas. In addition, KMT produces industry-leading ceramic packing media for chemical processing and regenerative thermal oxidation systems with customers in a wide range of industrial applications. It markets fluoropolymer linings under the Electro Chemical Manufacturing (ECM) brand and fiberglass-reinforced plastic dual laminate equipment under its Superior Dual Laminate Products (SDL) brand.

To learn more about KMT, http://www.knightmaterials.com/.