

BITS AND PIECES

> EXPANSIONS & ACQUISITIONS ...

ELKAY Manufacturing acquired Spokane Stainless Products (SSP), a fabricator and importer of stainless steel commercial kitchen products primarily for the foodservice industry.

GROHE opened its first sales office in Latin America with a branch in São Paulo and also launched its first Galleria in Brazil at Vallé, which operates a large network of bathroom showrooms.

Xylem Group LLC acquired the Loft & Bath and Coret luxury brands from the Zoli Corp. Xylem is best known for its mid-priced bath furniture and fixtures.

Nu Flow announced a distribution partnership with Flow-Liner. Nu Flow will distribute Flow-Liner's Inversion, Neofit and Pipes-Down-Under applications.

> REP UPDATE ...

Prier Products appointed Expo Sales (Phoenix, AZ) as its exclusive representative for the Arizona territory and Seaco Supply (West Palm Beach, FL) for the state of Florida territory (excluding the Florida Panhandle).

HOUZER named Howard C. Fletcher Co. as its exclusive sales representatives for the Southern California territory. Howard C. Fletcher has also been named the West Coast consigned warehouse for HOUZER sinks shipping to the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. The rep firm has a warehouse facility in South Orange County, CA.

> AWARDS ...

WinWholesale (Dayton, OH) was named to the 2009 InformationWeek 500, an annual listing by *InformationWeek* magazine of the nation's most innovative users of business technology. This is the second consecutive year WinWholesale has been named.

Zoeller Co. received the Governor's Award for International Trade Excellence at the Kentucky World Trade Day awards luncheon.

North American Technician Excellence (NATE) presented the 2009 Golden Toolbox Award to HVACR industry veteran Gary Andis of the National Energy Management Institute (NEMI).