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Despatch employees gathered to celebrate the 200,000th unit and commemorate the 120th anniversary of Despatch.

Despatch Celebrates the 120th Anniversary with 200,000 Sales Milestone

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, August 19, 2022 – Despatch is celebrating 120 years in business this year. The anniversary coincides with another significant milestone, the sale of 200,000 units. From its inception in 1902, it took 20 years for Despatch to sell the first 1740 units. 120 years later, Despatch sells about that many units every year.

From his very first day in business, founder Albert Grapp was dedicated to solving customer's problems, and that dedication is alive and well 120 years later. It is a rare achievement for a company to survive the Great Depression, world wars, and seismic technological changes and remain strong to this day. Over the past 120 years, Despatch has evolved from selling streetcar heaters and bread baking ovens

into a leading supplier of ovens and furnaces used in electronics, semiconductor, and medical device manufacturing.

“Despatch has maintained a strong reputation over 120 years which says a lot about the quality of our products and our commitment to our customers”, says Despatch Business Manager Jeff Bell. “Our employees have outstanding industry knowledge and expertise and are dedicated to living up to Despatch’s reputation.”

The world’s top manufacturers trust Despatch ovens to deliver the uniform and repeatable thermal processing required for critical components to operate flawlessly and ensure reliable product performance. They rely on Despatch for critical process advancements that revolutionize the way we live. They have recognized Despatch as the best in class for short lead times, on-time delivery, and world class service. Despatch partners with customers to provide custom solutions to their process challenges that offer a competitive edge and drive their business into the future. Despatch never cuts corners, ovens are manufactured to the highest standards and deliver invariable, uniform temperature for as long as the oven is in service.

Despatch was acquired by Illinois Tool Works in 2011 and was integrated with Speedline Technologies, and Vitronics Soltec to become ITW EAE. The combined knowledge and experience of the ITW EAE group is driving further innovation and speeding the development of next generation technology. Using proven ITW manufacturing practices, Despatch moves products to market much faster, providing the shortest lead times in our industry.

For more information about Despatch visit www.despatch.com.