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Cold Core Group, LLC Closes Strategic Acquisition of Fore-Front Mechanical, Inc.

Partnership provides opportunity to cross-sell mission-critical services and accelerate geographic expansion

Menomonee Falls, WI: The Cold Core Group, LLC, a leading provider of industrial refrigeration services to customers nationwide, recently acquired Fore-Front Mechanical. Founded in 2010, Fore-Front Mechanical is a food industry focused mechanical contractor offering end-to-end, customized solutions across capabilities including stainless fabrication, process piping, HVAC, and plumbing. This partnership allows both companies to accelerate their growth by expanding their respective capabilities to deliver more specialized, mission-critical services to their customers.

"While we continue to experience strong organic growth, we also remain focused on driving growth by expanding our presence and capabilities via partnerships with like-minded companies. Not only does Fore-Front offer specialized services that are complementary to what Cold Core provides, but Fore-Front, like Cold Core, is also a vision-driven business that emphasizes people, quality, integrity and safety. It is a great fit, and we are thrilled to partner with Fore-Front Mechanical to cross-sell our respective services," says Jim Kopczynski, CEO of the Cold Core Group.

"We have many food industry customers, and nearly all those customers have industrial refrigeration needs. In fact, so much of our work - whether it be line expansions or retrofits - touches refrigeration. Expanding our capabilities through a partnership with Cold Core Group will allow us to enhance our value proposition and offer more to our customers. Additionally, our customers have asked us to expand geographically and grow with them across the country. Cold Core Group's seven offices and national footprint will help us accelerate expansion and scale our business," stated Jon Wald, co-founder of Fore-Front Mechanical.

Keith Christian and Tony Spiegel, both co-founders of Fore-Front added, "Since starting this business 14 years ago, we have been fortunate to be surrounded by great people who have helped build a great culture. That has been instrumental in our success. As we look to embark on the next phase of our evolution, we are excited to do it with the team at Cold Core Group. They too have great people and a great culture. It really is a great fit."

Fore-Front Mechanical, a Cold Core company, will retain its own brand and the founders of the business will continue to be actively involved in day-to-day operations.

About Cold Core Group, LLC: Cold Core Group specializes in providing a comprehensive suite of industrial refrigeration services to customers nationwide. Cold Core Group aims to be the leader in providing turnkey solutions for all aspects of the design, build, maintenance, and repair of industrial refrigeration and related systems while always staying committed to our customers, quality, safety, and team members.

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About Fore-Front Mechanical: Fore-Front Mechanical, a Cold Core Company, offers end-to-end, customized solutions across capabilities including stainless fabrication, process piping, HVAC, and plumbing to leading customers in the food, beverage and healthcare industries.

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