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CaneKast Strengthens U.S. Manufacturing with Acquisition of Southern Aluminum Foundry & Machine

Clinton, SC – January 24, 2025 – <u>CaneKast</u>, a leading network of non-ferrous foundries, has expanded its capabilities and market presence with the acquisition of <u>Southern Aluminum</u> <u>Foundry and Machine (SAF)</u>. Since acquiring SAF in 2023, CaneKast has made significant investments to enhance operations and drive long-term growth, reinforcing its commitment to strengthening U.S.-based manufacturing and expanding its nationwide reach.

Strategic Growth and Expanded Capabilities

"This acquisition is a key step in our mission to make small U.S. manufacturing successful and accessible," said **Reg Zeller, CEO of CaneKast.** "By integrating SAF into our network, we are tapping into the growing industrial sector in the Southeast and enhancing our production efficiency." SAF's state-of-the-art facilities offer several strategic advantages, including:

- Enhanced Production Capacity: Advanced large automatics and a no-bake system, enabling a broader range of products and services.
- **Scalable Infrastructure:** A 33-acre site with high ceilings, providing ample space for future expansion and operational growth.

Technological Advancements Driving Efficiency

One of the key highlights following the **SAF** acquisition is the integration of the **DISA® Match 24/28**, a cutting-edge machine that significantly boosts production output. This machine can produce over **100 molds per hour**, a dramatic improvement compared to the traditional three to four molds per hour. "The DISA technology allows us to deliver exceptional product quality with industry-leading turnaround times," added Zeller.

Key benefits of the DISA integration include:

- High-volume precision production: Delivering superior-quality castings at scale.
- Reduced lead times: Orders fulfilled in under a month.
- **Industry support:** Assisting other foundries with high-precision casting needs.

Experienced Leadership and Quality Commitment

CaneKast has appointed a highly experienced leadership team at SAF, each member bringing over 20 years of expertise. This team is committed to maintaining CaneKast's standards of quality, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. SAF will continue to produce commercial and industrial castings, ensuring top-tier results across all projects.

Customer Benefits

With the acquisition of SAF, CaneKast customers can expect:

- Uncompromising Quality: A commitment to delivering excellence in every casting.
- Faster Turnaround: Streamlined processes to fulfill orders quickly and efficiently.
- **Expanded Capacity:** Enhanced production capabilities to meet growing demand.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Optimized operations resulting in competitive pricing.

About CaneKast

<u>CaneKast</u> is a leading network of non-ferrous foundries focused on delivering high-quality, lowto medium-volume metal castings. With a commitment to lean manufacturing, automation, and continuous improvement, CaneKast is driving the revitalization of U.S. manufacturing while providing unwavering support to small businesses.

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