



GHX Industrial merges with United Central

GHX Industrial LLC, a Houston-based industrial products distributor and fabricator for the oil and gas industry, is merging with Bristol, Tenn.-based United Central Industrial Supply Co.

A newly formed holding company, United Distribution Group Inc., will manage both GHX and United Central and be based out of Bristol. According to a company statement, both GHX and United Central will continue operations separately under their existing names.

United Central provides supplies and repair services to the mining industry, and it is a portfolio company of American Securities, a New York-based private equity firm.

Before the merger, United Central had about 320 employees, and GHX had about 480 employees, said Carl Mallory, director of marketing for United Central, adding that no personnel changes are anticipated due to the merger.

Richard Harrison will continue to be president of GHX, and Darrel Cole, the former CEO of United Central, will be the new president and CEO of United Distribution.

— Molly Ryan, Houston Business Journal