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## ***Sherex Fastening Solutions, LLC Opens New Manufacturing Facility in Akron, Ohio***

**Tonawanda, NY** - Sherex Fastening Solutions, a global leader of engineered fasteners, tooling and automation announced today the opening of its new domestic manufacturing facility, Sherex Akron, located at 850 Moe Drive in Akron, OH.

"Our growth over the past quarter-century has been directly related to finding better ways to get our products into the hands of our customers more quickly and at the lowest total installed cost," said Adam Pratt, president of Sherex Fastening Solutions. "Sometimes that means new processes. Sometimes it means new resources. And sometimes it simply means setting up shop closer to where they are. We're thankful that our customers have chosen to do business with us, and pleased to always be looking for ways to serve them better."

The new 24,000-square foot Sherex Akron production facility not only increases the Sherex global production footprint but offers customers a wide array of new product lines. The facility will be able to produce short run and high run productions of NAS and MS certified rivet nuts that are used as attachment points in the aerospace, defense, military and general industrial markets. End users in these markets use rivet nuts as attachment points for military vehicles and shelters and aircraft seating and electronics.

"Sherex is very proud to be 'Made in America' and continues to offer the largest selection of blind rivet nuts in the world," said Pratt. "The opening of the Sherex Akron manufacturing plant is part of our global capacity expansion plan and will increase the number of products we can supply. It will reduce lead times providing for an overall improved experience for our customers."

Sherex originated in 1979 as a reseller of expandable sealing plugs for the hydraulics market. Today, Sherex Fastening Solutions is a customer-focused, global manufacturer of highly engineered blind rivet nuts, clinch nuts, and specialty fasteners used in the automotive, aerospace and defense, agriculture and construction equipment, general industrial and heavy truck markets.

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In 1989, Sherex began its venture into the fastener market by forming a partnership with a European fastener manufacturer, Dejong. Following substantial growth, Sherex spun off its fastener side of the business into Sherex Fastening Solutions, LLC in 2004, with Pratt as a founding member. In 2005, Sherex officially became a manufacturer by opening its own production facility in Taiwan – Sherex Taiwan, which continues to be managed by the Sherex USA team and Dr. Alex Hsiao as divisional president. To meet the rising demand of the Central American and South American fastener markets, Sherex opened up a sales and distribution facility in Queretaro, Mexico in 2008 – Sherex Mexico. Sherex serves the European market through strategic partnerships with Dejong NV in Belgium and MDS-Autoriv in Germany. With the new Sherex Akron manufacturing facility coming on board, Sherex now has four facilities across the globe to better serve its customers.

Resources for Sherex customers at the new Akron facility consist of single and multi-die heading equipment, CNC lathes, drilling and tapping machines, and a host of production support equipment. The new facility offers expanded capabilities in prototyping, research and development, and production of small lot quantities. These proficiencies will improve the new product development process and allow Sherex to continually innovate fastening solutions for customers with specific application requirements.

“With a continuously shifting market, the Sherex team fully understands the importance of taking care of current customer needs while planning for the future – theirs and ours,” said Pratt. “We want to always be on the forefront of fastener technology, and working in collaboration with our customers to understand their challenges – then successfully meeting those challenges – will keep us there. Every investment we make – including our expansion into Akron, Ohio – is designed to enhance our customers’ experience in working with us, and to better position Sherex to be responsive to their needs.”

Sherex Akron will create 15 new jobs over the next year, 80% of them directly related to manufacturing. Sherex plans to triple the staff in Akron within five years. Sales and service for the Sherex Akron facility will continue to be supported from Sherex headquarters in Tonawanda, NY.

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**About Sherex**

Sherex Fastening Solutions, LLC is a global manufacturer with a unique market approach in engineered fastening solutions. We combine fasteners, tooling, and automation to deliver the best possible solution at the lowest total installed cost. Sherex manufactures products for the Automotive, Aerospace and Defense, Agriculture and Construction Equipment, General Industrial, and Heavy Truck markets. For additional information on any of the Sherex brand fasteners, tools, and automation please contact Sherex at 866-474-3739 or visit our website at [www.sherex.com](http://www.sherex.com).

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