

Vortex acquires fabrication company

SALINA, KANSAS, U.S. — Vortex announced it has acquired Kasa Fab, a custom metal fabrication and manufacturing company located in Salina, Kansas, U.S. The acquisition was effective Sept. 1.

Kasa Fab is a division of Kasa Companies, which includes Kasa Controls & Automation, IntelliFinishing and Kasa Anlagen. Other Kasa Companies were not included in the sale.

“This acquisition allows Vortex to expand upon our fabrication capabilities, including lasers, robotic welders, blasting booths, and liquid and powder paint systems, among others,” explained Travis Young, executive vice-president at Vortex. “Over the past few years, Vortex

has rapidly grown its carbon steel fabrication, which is not always compatible with stainless and aluminum processes. By having two manufacturing sites, we will better serve Vortex’s current customer base, as well as our new customers brought over from Kasa Fab.”

Jeff Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Vortex, added, “We are happy to be welcoming their employee group into the Vortex family.”

With the acquisition, Vortex will operate more than 250,000 square feet of manufacturing space and employ more than 400 employees in Salina.

Kilic makes first international sale to Vietnam port

REGENCY PARK, AUSTRALIA — Australia-based Kilic Engineering made its first international sale of a drive-over-hopper at a river port facility near Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The machine is loading soybean meal, wheat and corn. It is designed to simplify the unloading of grain from trucks.

The BunkerStacker3000 is self-propelled and is designed so the driver can dump and go. It has a design capacity of 600 tph for wheat and slightly less for canola, with the ability to unload three B-double trucks in 16 minutes, including truck movement and tipping that equates to about 450 tph overall.

Kilic Engineering has been manufacturing and developing the BunkerStacker3000 since 1999.



Kilic Engineering supplied a drive-over-hopper to a river port in Vietnam. Photo courtesy of Kilic.