

PATTERSON PUMP COMPANY ANNOUNCES MERGER

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Patterson Pump Company is pleased to announce the merger of Flo-Pak, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, with Patterson Pump Company. The merger was announced March 13th by Jeffrey S. Gorman, President and CEO of The Gorman-Rupp Company. Patterson Pump Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Gorman-Rupp Company.

Packaged pumping stations, produced by Flo-Pak, Inc., for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Plumbing, Municipal and Industrial markets will continue to be manufactured and assembled in Atlanta, Georgia and marketed under the brand name of Flo-Pak, a business unit of Patterson Pump Company. "We are pleased to be able to expand the Patterson family to include a quality product such as Flo-Pak." said Albert F. Huber, President of Patterson Pump Company. "We see Flo-Pak as a valuable asset to the overall picture of Patterson."

Patterson Pump Company proudly stands as one of America's leading designers and manufacturers of fire, axial and mixed flow, solids handling, vertical turbine, vertical in-line, end suction and split case pumps, along with exclusive Ludlow-Renssler valves.

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