

CODE HENNESSY & SIMMONS LLC

Chicago, Illinois a leading private equity investment firm

and management have acquired

UNITED CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY

Bristol, Virginia
one of the nation's largest distributors of supplies
to the coal mining industry
from



THE UNITED COMPANY

Bristol, Virginia one of Virginia's largest privately-held companies

The undersigned initiated the transaction and served as exclusive advisor to The United Company.

DOMINION PARTNERS, L.C.

"Since The United Company sold the last of its coal mining assets, we have continually reevaluated our presence in the mining supply business. Knowing that we would be reluctant to sell United Central to an industry competitor, Dominion Partners introduced Code Hennessy & Simmons as a possible purchaser. CHS has an outstanding reputation as a private equity investor and has been active in acquiring industrial distributors. With Dominion's assistance, we were able to structure a transaction which met both parties' needs and provides a great opportunity for the United Central management team, which has worked for many years to build this business. This is our third transaction with Dominion in three years and we continue to value our relationship."

Jeffrey P. Schaffer Managing Director, Mergers & Acquisitions The United Company

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