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Lighthouse Capital Announces Acquisition

Blue Chip Engineered Products Sold to BCEP Holdings

CINCINNATI, OH, August 24, 2005—Lighthouse Capital Advisors, LLC, a Cincinnati-based investment banking firm specializing in sell-side investment banking of middle-market companies, announced today that its client, Blue Chip Engineered Products, has been acquired by Kentucky-based BCEP Holdings, Inc.

Established in 1984, Blue Chip provides specialty metal, plastic and assembled component parts and distribution services to OEMs and automotive marketplaces. Ken Sanker, former owner, opted to sell the company in order to pursue other business and personal opportunities.

“I was pleasantly surprised by the number of offers from acquirers both within and outside of the fastener industry that Lighthouse Capital was able to bring to the table,” said Sanker. “This competitive environment clearly resulted in a price that far exceeded my expectations.”

Lighthouse Capital assembled a competitive auction for Blue Chip resulting in six offers. Five of the six initial offers were selected for further discussion and two offers were significantly raised during negotiations.

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