

Trimble Acquires Engineering and Construction Accessories Company

Trimble (CA, USA) has acquired privately-held Crain Enterprises, Inc. of Mound City, Illinois, in an all-cash transaction. Crain is a leading manufacturer of accessories for the geomatics, surveying, mapping, and construction industries. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Crain's product lines include tripods, bipods, levelling rods, measuring rulers, prisms, prism and GPS poles, stream gauges, wire installation tools, as well as bags, packs, and sewn carrying cases for surveying and positioning instruments. The purchase of Crain allows Trimble to provide the necessary accessories that can be offered as part of its positioning solutions used in the Engineering and Construction markets. In addition, Crain and Trimble will be able to leverage distribution channels.

"Crain will enable us to augment our existing product lines by offering accessories as part of our solutions portfolio," said Jim Veneziano, general manager of Trimble's Construction Division. "Since accessories are often key to achieving total system performance, this acquisition will enable us to better satisfy user needs."

Steve Crain and the staff of Crain Enterprises will join Trimble and operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary as part of Trimble's Engineering and Construction segment.

Founded in 1945 as a commercial warehousing business, Crain has become a leading manufacturer of measuring tools and geomatics accessories for the surveying and construction industries. The Company's products are available through more than 500 dealers throughout North America.

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