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RICHARDS-WILCOX CONVERTING FACTORY INTO EMERGENCY BED MANUFACTURER TO HELP COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Aurora, Ill. — [Richards-Wilcox](#), a legacy company founded in 1880, is transforming its 365,000 square-foot metal fabricating factory into an emergency bed critical response manufacturer. In partnership with MOONLIGHT SLUMBER, Inc., Richards-Wilcox is working tirelessly to create temporary beds for medical, overflow and quarantine facilities, in an effort to help the world respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Richards-Wilcox has worked swiftly to combine their expertise and considerable manufacturing resources to offer a tangible response to the Coronavirus emergency. Within 72 hours of Governor J. B. Pritzker's executive order requiring Illinois to "Shelter-in-Place," and within 24 hours of New York's announcement to turn the Javits Convention Center into a 1,000-bed hospital, Richards-Wilcox is now fully equipped to produce emergency beds for hospitals, short-term medical facilities, shelters and other venues that require beds to care for patients. Beds will be ready for shipment as early as next week.

This decisive action is not new to Richards-Wilcox, which is known for its manufacturing heritage.

"We were very involved in aiding the efforts of our military in World War II – and this is no different," Richards-Wilcox's president Bob McMurtry recalled. "We

have the ability and desire to help fill the need for temporary beds, so it was a simple decision. Our entire company is fully committed to doing our part to help the world face this unprecedented challenge.”

About Richards-Wilcox, Inc

Richards-Wilcox, Inc is a privately-owned manufacturer of Richards-Wilcox Overhead Power and Free Conveyor Systems, Richards-Wilcox Specialty Door Hardware and Aurora Products for Storage and Filing. The company, founded in 1880, has been in continuous operation at the same location in Aurora, IL, creating high quality American made products for over a century.

About Aurora Storage

Need to store more in less space? We can help! For over fifty years Aurora Storage has been a mainstay of companies that want versatile, sturdy, and beautiful storage. No matter what your space requires, you can count on the Aurora Storage brand. Our products include easy-to-assemble Aurora Quik-Lok® Shelving, versatile Aurora Mobile Systems, elegant Wood-Tek™ wood-clad shelving, and the unique Times-2™ rotary storage system. For more information, visit www.AuroraStorage.com.

About Richards-Wilcox Conveyor

Richards-Wilcox Conveyor is the originator of the overhead enclosed track conveyor that's been keeping manufacturing companies competitive and productive for over 125 years. Richards-Wilcox Conveyor systems are available as manual or powered models. Safe-Rail®, Zig-Zag®, Twin-Trak®, Paintline™ and Over-Way™ are industry standards for moving material efficiently and safely. For more information, visit www.RichardsWilcoxConveyor.com.

About RW Hardware

Since 1880, Richards-Wilcox, renamed RW Hardware in 2019, has been the leading manufacturer of specialty hardware and door accessories for slide, swing, and slide-fold doors used in zoos, aquariums, barns, stables, contemporary buildings and historic buildings. Commercial, industrial, and residential settings nationwide feature RW Hardware products, that continue to hold strong against the test of time. For more information, visit www.RWHardware.com.

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