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Kinze Opens Its First Production Plant Abroad Lithuanian facility will support expansion in Eastern Europe

WILLIAMSBURG, Iowa (May 8, 2013) – <u>Kinze[®] Manufacturing, Inc.</u> is opening its first production plant abroad in Lithuania. The facility will manufacture Kinze row crop planters, contributing to its growing market in neighboring countries including Russia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Hungary. Kinze will hire welders, mechanics, CNC operators and other specialists to work in the new plant. Assembly in this new facility is scheduled to begin this fall.

Kinze also will support local educational institutions in Lithuania by working with universities as well as other professional schools and centers for engineering and production training. It will offer students internships in the manufacturing facility as well as hands-on learning opportunities in advanced manufacturing technology and production processes.

"We were looking to expand in Eastern Europe and were considering a few different countries. We chose Lithuania because of the country's long standing manufacturing traditions and support from the local government," said Kinze Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Susanne (Kinzenbaw) Veatch. "We are excited about this new plant and look forward to further expanding Kinze's innovations to farmers across the world."

According to Milda Darguzaite, managing director at Invest Lithuania, Kinze's new plant will have a significant positive effect on Lithuania's national economy.

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"Kinze is globally distinguished for its high professional quality standards and business integrity. From the manufacturing perspective, the company's long lasting traditions in innovation will greatly contribute to Lithuania's engineering skillset," said Darguzaite.

For more information about Kinze's expansion or to find a local Kinze dealer visit www.Kinze.com.

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About Kinze Manufacturing

Founded more than 46 years ago on the premise of innovation, Kinze Manufacturing, Inc., markets its planters and grain carts globally and is known for a number of <u>industry "firsts."</u> Kinze operates with <u>core values</u> of integrity, customer focus, excellence, innovation and mutual respect. Kinze Manufacturing is the recognized technology leader and innovator of <u>planters</u> for row-crop production and <u>grain auger carts</u>. Kinze employees spend their nights and weekends farming, putting them in a unique position to be both manufacturers and customers of the planters and grain carts they build. For more information, visit the Kinze Manufacturing website at www.kinze.com.

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