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The C.A. Lawton Co. Takes First Steps in Capacity Expansion

New components are the first phase of an expansion project that begins with delivering more sand to increase capacity

De Pere, WI – In order to continue growing and improving its facilities and furthering its success in alternative energy markets like wind energy, The C.A. Lawton Co. recently completed the first phase in the planned expansion of its sand delivery system. During a recent shutdown for the 4th of July holiday, Calco, the provider of large cast iron components across all capital equipment industries (including wind, HVAC, mining, and gas turbines), added silos and other key components to its sand system as the necessary first steps in a capacity increase to the system and to foundry production. However, increased capacity is not the only benefit to the system. The new components will provide a safer more efficient means to deliver sand throughout the facility. The new delivery system utilizes a “plug” method to transport the sand which uses less air than the legacy system corresponding to lower air pressures to operate. The lower pressures mean it uses less power, and this method generates less dust which improves the environment inside the foundry. The “plug” method of delivery also creates less wear on the systems components which will translate to less maintenance.

“It was important for us to take this first step and address the capacity of our sand system. With our growth in the wind industry and the large molds that we are now pouring, we naturally need more sand. Less power consumption, lower maintenance, and less dust will be great additional benefits to the new system,” said Kelly Coles, Director of Operations.



The C.A. Lawton Co. has worked with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and the State Energy Program to participate in funding for projects that increase manufacturing capacity for alternative energy. The C.A. Lawton Co. will continue with a steady schedule of projects to increase overall capacity.

“Increasing our capacity begins with some of the fundamental components in our manufacturing process. The large molds that are used to produce large wind castings increase our need for sand. Getting behind and participating in the demand that exists in the wind industry will help grow our business,” said Patrick Kotowski, Director of Business Development.

About The C.A. Lawton Co.

The C.A. Lawton Co. has well over a century of experience as a leading manufacturer of industrial components, employing 185 people between two facilities in De Pere, WI. Its ISO 2001:2008 certified integrated business includes patternmaking, casting, and machining capabilities. The C.A. Lawton Co. provides large iron castings and machining for domestic manufacturers in the HVAC, municipal pump and valve, mining, and power generation industries. The C.A. Lawton Co.’s customer base includes such companies as Siemens, General Electric, Metso, and Trane.

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