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Press Release

Batliboi Ltd acquires 100 per cent equity in Canada-based Quickmill Inc.

Landmark foreign acquisition - first of its kind in the Machine Tool industry

Mumbai, March 27, 2007: Batliboi Ltd. one of India's oldest Machine Tool and engineering companies, today announced the 100 per cent equity acquisition of Quickmill Inc., Canada, for a consideration of approx. Rs 22 crores. Ontario-based Quickmill Inc. is a strong technology oriented, growing and profit making Machine Tool company. It is a leading designer and manufacturer of wide range of large area machining centers for customers internationally in heat exchangers, machinery equipment, aerospace, dies & moulds, bridge building machinery and automotive sectors with annual sales of approx. Rs. 52 crores. Quickmill enjoys 75 per cent market share in the heat exchanger industry in North America.

Batliboi Ltd., with a gross turnover of Rs. 300 crores is a leading player in Machine Tools, Textile Engineering and Air Conditioning & Refrigeration in India. This landmark acquisition marks Batliboi Ltd's first foray into the M&A space as well as a first for any Indian engineering company in the Machine Tool sector.

Commenting on the acquisition Mr. Nirmal Bhogilal, Chairman and Managing Director, Batliboi Ltd. said, "The acquisition of Quickmill Inc. supports our goal of becoming an internationally competitive niche player in our various businesses. Our strategy is to support Quickmill's current management to grow and develop Quickmill as a separate and distinct entity leveraging their technology, strong brand, reputation and expertise.

We plan to reap synergies through cross fertilisation of skills, Batliboi's distribution network and some cost advantages in India through component sourcing & detailed engineering and helping Quickmill grow internationally. Quickmill will support Batliboi's manufacturing base through its considerable R & D capabilities."



Mr. Joe Lipsett President & CEO of Quickmill Inc. stated, "This is a great day for Quickmill Inc. with the capital, engineering, cost base, and added distribution and service, we can together take Quickmill to the next level. Quickmill will be running in its existing form under the same brands with our existing successful team empowered to grow the company. With added distribution in India, China and the Middle East to accelerate our efforts, plus the addition of Batliboi products to Quickmill product lines, Quickmill's growth will really ramp up."

About Batliboi

Batliboi, founded in 1892, has grown to a position of leadership among engineering companies. The company has spearheaded technological change in all the activities comprising of Machine Tools, Textile Air Engineering, Textile Machinery and Air Conditioning. Its plants are located at Udhna (Surat) and Bangalore. Batliboi Ltd. is a part of Rs. 450 crore Batliboi Group which also has interests in Environmental Engineering, Motors, Wind Energy, International Marketing and Logistics.

About Quickmill Inc.

Quickmill Inc. is a leading manufacturer of large area Machine Tools based in Peterborough, Ontario in Canada. Quickmill Inc. is engaged in the business of CNC Gantry and Bridge Milling and Drilling Machines, which are used in heat exchangers, heavy equipment manufacturing, fabricated steel, machining sectors, oil and gas, and aeronautical industries. Established in 1984, is a technology oriented, growing company with annualised sales of Can. \$14 million.

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