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Third-Generation Poughkeepsie Manufacturer Receives Empire Zone Certification

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – The story began when H.A. Schreck, Inc. opened a small repair shop in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1948 to service “smoke-stack industries” located in the area. There are no more smoke stacks, but industry still thrives.

Today, H. A. Schreck, Inc. operates a successful industrial electric motor, pump, and generator sales and service business. The company was first established in 1933 by the current owner’s grandfather and at the outset was located in Mount Vernon, New York. In 1948 the small business was relocated to Poughkeepsie, where it has prospered. Over the years, the company has occupied five different locations in Poughkeepsie and is currently occupying an 18,000 s.f. facility at 32 Van Wagner Road.

Says Samuel J. Schreck, Vice President of H.A. Schreck, Inc., “Our future position will be strengthened by our location within the Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone. We received our Zone certification in November of this year, and we intend to use the Zone incentives to help us compete in today’s marketplace. For a small

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manufacturer, it is vital to find ways to level the playing field, and the Zone does just that for us.” He adds, “We look forward to the future and anticipate the growth of our business in Poughkeepsie, New York.”

With 13 full-time employees, the company maintains an extensive sales department; a service counter (dedicated to general motor/pump repair and HVAC/R needs); and a main shop, whose activities are centered on the overhauling and repair of large, rotating equipment. Both in-shop and on-site repair services of large electric motors, pumps, and generators are available. In addition, the company’s generator department offers sales and service of both residential and industrial stand-by and prime power systems by factory-certified technicians.

The company’s services include in-shop lifting up to ten tons; crane truck service; 24-hour emergency service; rewind capability through 1,000 Hp A/C/ 500Hp DC; dynamic balancing service; and laser alignment of motors and pumps.

Dutchess County Executive, William R. Steinhaus states: “H.A.Schreck is a fine example of a small, local manufacturing business. Such companies are the backbone of the Dutchess County economy, and the Empire Zone’s usefulness in strengthening homegrown businesses is a testament to the Empire Zone’s value as a stabilizing engine of the Dutchess County economy.”

Says Theresa Kelly, Empire Zone Coordinator with the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation which administers the Poughkeepsie/Dutchess Empire Zone program, “The Empire Zone’s performance-based benefits are offered only to those businesses that create employment or make an appropriate investment. We congratulate H.A. Schreck on its certification and are pleased that the Zone may be able to help the company as it grows in a very competitive environment.”

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