



**Date: July 3, 2018**

**To: All Midwest Kitchen Countertop Manufacturing Customers**

Thirty-one years ago I purchased Midwest Automation from John Anderson. At that time, Midwest's business was 100% kitchen countertop and postforming machine related.

Over the years Midwest has expanded into flat panel and 3D wood and composite panel laminating through developing relationships with two Italian companies in the mid-1990's, OMMA SRL and ORMA Machine, and the acquisition of Greco Manufacturing in 2004.

In addition, Midwest entered the metal deburring and finishing markets through the acquisition of Randbright Corporation in 2003. During this time our business has grown and prospered while the countertop division sales has remained flat or declined.

As is often the case, our product lines have become too broad and diverse to adequately devote the resources necessary to keep pace with the rapidly changing markets. Consequently, I decided to sell the kitchen countertop division to Evans Machinery of Holland, Michigan, effective July 1, 2018 while retaining ownership of our panel laminating division and all related parts and service for these machines.

Although most of you will recognize the Evans name, it is very much a different company than you will remember. The new ownership, headed by Don Mulder and his partner Dave Barnett, together have many years of experience in manufacturing businesses. Midwest will continue to be involved with Evans over the next five years through a "Support Agreement" that will hopefully allow for a smooth transition.

In closing, it is with mixed emotions that I have made this decision, however, at 69 years of age the timing is right for me to simplify my life while devoting my remaining years to the areas of the business that we feel have the most potential for growth. Although the business was often challenging, I have enjoyed knowing and working with you over the last 30 years.

I wish each of you the best in your future endeavors and hope that our paths will someday cross again. In the meantime, goodbye for now, and God bless!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Holley", written in a cursive style.

Kenny Holley  
President