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**CLEARY GULL INC. ADVISES PLANT EQUIPMENT GROUP, A BUSINESS UNIT OF TAKKT AMERICA HOLDING INC. AND TAKKT AG, IN ITS SALE TO GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL, A BUSINESS UNIT OF SYSTEMAX INC.**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 30, 2015** – Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce that Plant Equipment Group (“PEG”), a business unit of TAKKT America Holding Inc. and TAKKT AG (XETRA:TTK) (“TAKKT”), has been sold to Global Industrial, which is the Industrial Products Group of Systemax Inc. (NYSE:SYX). Cleary Gull Inc. acted as exclusive financial advisor to TAKKT America Holding in this transaction.

As a storage and material handling specialist, PEG mainly offers products for transport, storage and plant equipment to companies in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. PEG includes the following direct marketing brands: C&H Distributors, Products for Industry, Avenue Supply, and Industrialsupplies.com. PEG’s headquarters are located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

TAKKT ([www.takkt.de](http://www.takkt.de)) is the leading B2B direct marketing specialist for business equipment in Europe and North America. TAKKT is represented through its subsidiaries with brands in more than 25 countries. The product range of the TAKKT subsidiaries comprises more than 200,000 products for the areas of plant and warehouse equipment, office furniture, transport packaging, display articles, supplies for retailers, the food service industry, and the hotel market.

Global Equipment Company (d/b/a Global Industrial) ([www.globalindustrial.com](http://www.globalindustrial.com)) is a business unit of Systemax Inc. Global Industrial carries over 1,000,000 industrial, material handling and business products for Fortune 1000 companies, small businesses, institutions and government agencies.

Systemax Inc. ([www.systemax.com](http://www.systemax.com)), a Fortune 1000 company, sells industrial and technology products through a system of branded e-Commerce websites, relationship marketers and retail stores in North America and Europe. The primary brands are global Industrial, MISCO, Inmac Wstore and TigerDirect.

**About Cleary Gull**

Cleary Gull ([www.clearygull.com](http://www.clearygull.com)) is an employee-owned firm providing financial advice through two operating divisions: Investment Advisory Services and Investment Banking Services. Cleary Gull provides investment advice with respect to over \$2.2 billion of client assets for high net worth individuals and families, pilots, and not-for-profit hospitals and senior living communities across the nation. The firm was named by Financial Times in 2014 to its top 300 list of registered investment advisors in the U.S. Cleary Gull’s investment bankers specialize in providing advice on exclusive sales, mergers and acquisitions, and private debt and equity capital placement, typically for transactions from \$10 million to \$200 million.



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