

## **Pfingsten Announces the Merger of Allied Reliability Group with T.F. Hudgins, Inc.**

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Pfingsten announces the merger of its portfolio company, Allied Reliability Group, with T.F. Hudgins, Inc. Allied is a leading, global provider of maintenance and reliability services to commercial and industrial companies headquartered in Charleston, SC. Allied's products and services help customers reduce maintenance costs while increasing equipment uptime, improving employee safety and strengthening regulatory compliance. T.F. Hudgins, based in Houston, TX, provides highly engineered products and services that improve the reliability of high-value equipment. Primary end-markets include midstream oil & gas, petrochemical, refining and other industrial process industries. T.F. Hudgins is a portfolio company of Houston based private equity firm The CapStreet Group. Together, the combined business will offer an expanded portfolio of hardware, software and value-added services to better serve its customer base.

John Schultz, CEO and Founding Partner of Allied Reliability said, "It is exciting to be joining forces with an organization that has the same level of commitment to reliability. At Allied, we have built our business on listening to and understanding our customers' needs, and delivering superior technical capabilities - with the combination of our two companies, we will be in an even better position to drive innovation and deliver exceptional value to the global reliability community."

Jay Burnette, CEO of T.F. Hudgins, who will lead the combined company as CEO commented, "We are extremely excited to bring our two companies together for the benefit of our collective customers, employees and stakeholders. This combination will accelerate our growth in the expanding equipment reliability space, particularly with a much broader condition-based monitoring and advanced diagnostics offering. We believe this will create significant value for our customers."

The transaction closed on October 21, 2016. Quarton International acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Allied Reliability Group and Ropes & Gray served as legal counsel.

### **About Pfingsten**

Pfingsten is an operationally focused private equity firm formed in 1989. From its headquarters in Chicago, IL and representative offices in ChangAn, China, Chennai, India and New Delhi, India, the firm builds better businesses through operational improvements, professional management practices, global capabilities and profitable business growth rather than financial engineering. Since completing its first investment in 1991, Pfingsten has raised five investment funds with total commitments of approximately \$1.3 billion and has acquired 114 manufacturing, distribution and business services companies. For more information, visit [pfingsten.com](http://pfingsten.com).

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