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D+S Distribution Transfers Warehouse Management to GOJO *GOJO Targets End of Summer Transition*

WOOSTER--GOJO Industries is positioned to assume all warehouse management functions at the Akron Road facility by the end of summer officially completing one stage of a strategic partnership with D+S Distribution that began three years ago. GOJO purchased the former Rubbermaid Headquarters in 2015 with plans to manufacture plastic components used in its hand-hygiene product line in addition to warehousing its nationally recognized Purell hand sanitizer.

D+S Distribution became GOJO's third party logistics partner (3PL) in 2013 when the company moved its operations from Brook Park to Wooster. At peak times, GOJO occupied 850,000 square feet of available space according to John Kraft, General Manager for D+ S. Our employees turned 40 truckloads daily and averaged 22,500 pallet positions for the privately held manufacturer. "Currently we are working side-by-side with GOJO employees to insure a smooth transition," said Kraft.

D+S Distribution was working from the Akron Road facility before the GOJO partnership. As early as 2012, D+S Distribution leased 275,000 square feet from commercial realtor InSite Realty. Nine clients were housed at Akron Road according to Kraft. In July 2015, when GOJO announced plans to lease the entire building, D+S employees transferred its clients to existing and new warehousing opportunities.

GOJO business partner RS&B will operate onsite production and manufacturing lines. GOJO plans to reactivate Rubbermaid's automatic inventory storage and retrieval system (ASRS) to increase its storage capacity. D+S Distribution will continue its strategic partnership with GOJO through ILS and a dedicated shuttle service between Akron and Wooster.

“GOJO is a wonderful example of a successful collaboration between two companies that are committed to excellence and value integrity, trust and competence,” said Jon Ansel, President of D+S Distribution. “It is rewarding to see this partnership result in GOJO relocating to Wooster.”

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