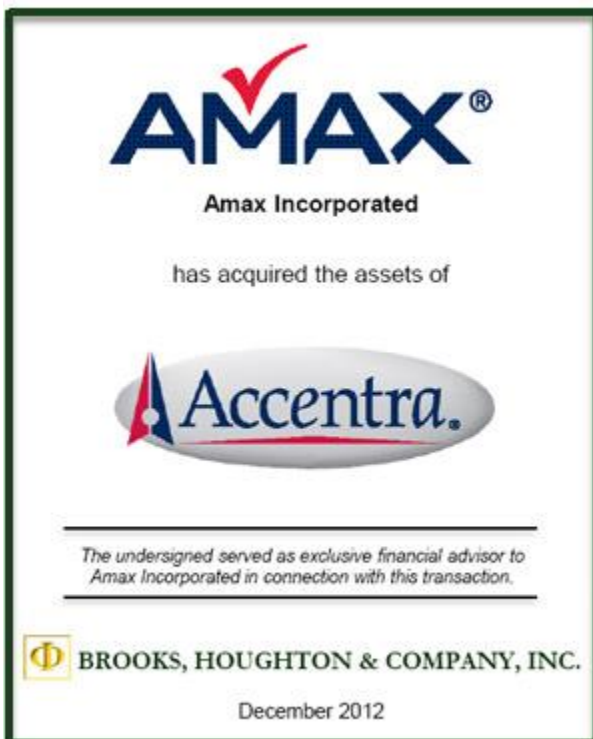


Brooks, Houghton Advises Amax Incorporated on the Acquisition of Accentra, Inc.



Transaction Summary

Brooks, Houghton & Company, Inc. (“BHC”) is pleased to announce the recent asset acquisition of Accentra, Inc. (“Accentra”), the maker of PaperPro[®] branded spring-powered staplers and hole punches, by Rhode Island-based Amax Incorporated (“Amax”). BHC served as exclusive financial advisor to Amax in its negotiations with Accentra.

Amax is the exclusive distributor of Stanley Bostich[®] office products throughout the U.S. Amax’s extensive line of high-quality, high-performance products includes Stanley Bostich branded staplers, staple removers, pencil sharpeners and hole punches, as well as selected home and office hand tools marketed under the Stanley[®] and Black & Decker[®] brands.

With the addition of the PaperPro[®] stapler line, Amax has established itself as a world-class consumer and office products company and has gained significant scale and operating leverage, as well as a strong international footprint, from this and other acquisitions.

About Accentra, Inc.

Located in Newtown, Pennsylvania and privately-held, Accentra, Inc. is widely recognized as having revolutionized stapling with the introduction in 2003 of its patented, award-winning PaperPro[®] stapler, the first desktop stapler to contain a spring-powered internal mechanism that provides staple gun power to drive staples reliably and efficiently through stacks of paper with the touch of just one finger. The company’s website is www.PaperPro.com.

About Amax Incorporated

Based in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Amax Incorporated was formed in 2009 through the spin-off of the Stanley Bostich Office Products business unit from Stanley Black & Decker Inc. Bostich is the oldest brand in office durables, dating back to 1896, and Amax maintains exclusive license to the Stanley Bostich[®] and Stanley[®] names for use in the U.S. office products category. Amax is also the exclusive distributor of Stanley tools for the office products channel.

About Brooks, Houghton & Company, Inc.

Founded in 1989, BHC is a New York City-based merchant bank. BHC provides investment banking services and direct investments to middle market and emerging growth companies. The firm is highly experienced in mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity capital raising, and corporate finance matters, as well as principal investing through various mezzanine debt funds managed by its senior personnel. The firm’s broker/dealer, Brooks Houghton Securities, Inc., is a registered member of FINRA and SIPC.

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