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## **Tomkins acquires US commercial duct manufacturing business**

Ruskin, part of Tomkins' Air Systems Components Division, has announced that it has acquired Eastern Sheet Metal (ESM), a privately held company based in Cincinnati, Ohio for an undisclosed amount. ESM will be integrated into NRG Industries, an operating company of Ruskin. Ruskin is a leader in air and sound control products and commercial accessories for the HVAC (Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning) industry. Ruskin also has responsibility for Lau OEM fan products in its product portfolio.

ESM is a manufacturer of commercial HVAC duct systems. They have two manufacturing plants, one in Cincinnati, and the other in Dothan, Alabama, and have annual sales of approximately \$20 million. NRG has three operating companies, namely Rooftop Systems, Inc., National Duct Systems, Inc. and Glass Master Inc. ESM will join with National Duct Systems to provide additional manufacturing and distribution across the United States.

### **James Nicol, Chief Executive Officer, commented:**

"Eastern Sheet Metal has built an excellent reputation in its respective markets and is a great fit with Ruskin and National Duct Systems. They provide products that are complementary to our offering and further expand our portfolio. ESM's business model will allow National Duct Systems to become a truly national supplier of duct."

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