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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
RUPES EXPANDS NORTH AMERICAN MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY**

Houston, Texas – November 4th, 2021 – Today RUPES is proud to announce the expansion of manufacturing capabilities in North America with the addition of a new 40,000 square foot operation in Houston, Texas. This new facility, which was covertly established over the past 12 months, will serve as a dedicated consumables manufacturing hub with the full capacity to manufacture, package, and ship RUPES various polishing pads and compounds. The near-term plan is for this facility to service all the consumables needs for customers located in North America but may expand the scope to help service other markets in the future. Additionally, this establishes RUPES as the only manufacturer of polishing pads with factory locations on two continents, providing increased flexibility and insulation from the contemporary logistics challenges that have plagued so many companies of late.

“Our Houston operation demonstrates how serious we are about our commitment to the US, Canada, and beyond.” says Rob Volkert, CEO for RUPES USA. *“Manufacturing and shipping our pads from Houston means we have significantly improved our ability to meet the demands of our customers here while also taking some of the burden from our Italian factories. Without having to produce for the USA, they can focus production on the rest of the global network of RUPES consumers.”*

The new, state-of-the-art facility adds to the RUPES dedicated North American manufacturing network joining the Colorado headquarters where the popular electric and pneumatic tools have been manufactured since 2016. With two manufacturing centers in the United States, RUPES has demonstrated a commitment to growth as a global entity and a true vertically integrated manufacturer controlling all the components of its industry-leading polishing and sanding systems.

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