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The Ruhlin Company Celebrates 100 Years of Construction Excellence

Commemorating a History of Industry Leadership Through A Legacy of “Great People and Proven Results”

SHARON CENTER, Ohio (January 13, 2015) - The Ruhlin Company, a prominent full-service construction firm, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. On August 4, 1915, German/Swiss immigrant and entrepreneur John G. Ruhlin and his brothers founded Ruhlin Brothers Construction Company, a bricklaying company, outside of Akron. One hundred years, many successful projects and a few name changes later, The Ruhlin Company is commemorating its rich history with events, articles, press and video releases throughout 2015.

The Ruhlin Company has grown into a full-service construction firm with an average of 100 full-time employees, 275 trade workers and annual construction volume of \$200 million. Ruhlin provides a range of General Contracting, Construction Management and Design/Build services to serve the healthcare, education, government, commercial, energy, environmental, transportation, industrial and structural steel markets. With a wealth of expertise solving complex construction challenges, Ruhlin has become a respected name across these markets.

“The Ruhlin Company has joined an elite group of companies that have withstood the test of time to celebrate 100 years of business, but we’re only here because of our hardworking employees who do what’s right, not just what’s expedient,” said Jim Ruhlin, Sr., president and CEO of The Ruhlin Company. “Our people are dedicated to delivering an exceptional client experience at every interaction, and it’s through this dedication that we’ve built a legacy of successful projects over time.”



100 Years of Great People

People have always been at the core of Ruhlin's success. The company attracts and retains skilled, experienced employees who are committed to the values that have set Ruhlin apart for 100 years. Their collective knowledge, expertise and client focus is the foundation of Ruhlin's reputation.

To solidify its employees' dedication to the company's success, The Ruhlin Company established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) in 1977. Today, the company's employee-owners work as a team empowered to exceed clients' expectations and drive Ruhlin forward into the next century.

“As we look to our next 100 years, the lessons from our founders – John G. and William R. Ruhlin – are clear,” said Russ Gregory, vice president and treasurer. “Guided by core values of honesty and integrity, they took on tough challenges to address some of the industry's most pressing concerns. They anticipated their clients' needs and worked proactively to solve them. This company was built on that blueprint, and it's one we'll continue to follow into our next century.”

100 Years of Proven Results

In 1915, The Ruhlin Company established its reputation for quality construction with its first project, Creston School. Since then, the company has contributed to the construction of many landmark commercial buildings, schools, hospitals, campuses, libraries and government facilities.

Throughout the 50s, 60s and 70s, Ruhlin expanded beyond building services by adding industrial, civil and structural divisions while growing beyond the borders of Ohio. The Ruhlin Company leveraged its construction expertise across diverse markets, becoming a prominent partner on bridges, interstate projects and power plants, including hydroelectric powerhouses.

Strengthened by a diversified spectrum of services, Ruhlin has completed thousands of high-profile projects safely, on time and within budget. The company's legacy is visible through the quality of the resulting structures – and the satisfied repeat clients who make up 90 percent of Ruhlin's business.



The Celebration Continues

Throughout Ruhlin's yearlong celebration of its 100th Anniversary, interesting press and video releases will highlight historic milestones and fun facts about the company's award-winning projects. The microsite, www.Ruhlin.com/100, will be updated regularly with new information, images, employee and client event announcements, press and video releases. Participate in the social conversation by including #Ruhlin100 in a tweet.

About The Ruhlin Company

Founded in 1915, The Ruhlin Company is a full-service construction firm offering a diverse range of services, including General Contracting, Construction Management and Design/Build. Ruhlin serves the healthcare, K-12 and higher education, government/correctional, commercial, energy generation, environmental, transportation, industrial and structural steel markets. One of the leading green builders in Northeast Ohio, Ruhlin employs several LEED Accredited Professionals. Named one of the Safest Construction Companies in the country, Ruhlin has completed successful projects for public and private clients. Ruhlin has a 98 percent client satisfaction rating and 90 percent of its business comes from repeat clientele. For more information, visit Ruhlin at www.ruhlin.com and follow the company on social networks including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+ and YouTube.

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