

## Intersystems expanding Omaha facility

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, U.S. — Intersystems broke ground recently on an expansion of its Omaha, Nebraska, U.S., facility.

Construction of the 60,000-square-foot addition is under way, with completion scheduled for January 2012. The company expects the cost of the expansion and additional manufacturing equipment to be about \$10 million.

Intersystems designs and manufactures material handling, sampling and weighing equipment used in grain, feed and processing facilities. The company moved from its former Millard locations into a new 140,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in northwest Omaha in 2009. The expansion of that new facility is necessary to meet the increased worldwide demand for its products.

“This expansion will allow us to increase our capacity and maintain short lead times that are critical to our customers,” said Tom Schroeder, president and chief operating officer. “Intersystems has developed a reputation for providing high quality engineered products with

industry-leading delivery times. It is critical that we continue to make the appropriate investments to ensure availability of our products.”

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for the addition to the facility, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman said, “Nebraskans can be proud of our business climate and skilled workforce that has contributed to this company realizing a 63% sales growth in 2010. The growth and success of Intersystems is a great example of how our state continues to move forward.”

Continued worldwide growth in demand for food has spurred Intersystems growth. Domestic demand has been strong, while international opportunities continue to grow at a rapid pace, with 40% of Intersystems volume shipped internationally, the company said. Earlier this year, the company opened a sales office in Ukraine to service the growing market there and in Russia. A wide variety of international markets will continue to provide growth opportunities for the company.

### OCRIM school educates millers from around the world

CREMONA, ITALY — OCRIM’S International Milling Technology School is continuing to provide education to students from around the world.

In July, students from Indonesia attended a two-week milling technology course, and in September 18 students from Saudi Arabia started in the second part of a dedicated course (milling technology, engineering, automation and more) that will last six months.

This January, the school will offer a four-week course in Spanish. OCRIM can organize special courses throughout the year according to the special needs of its customers. A minimum of five participants is required.

All teachers of the school, which opened in 1965, are OCRIM personnel including technicians, engineers, technologists, skilled workers and chief erectors. The school has trained nearly 3,000 technicians since its inception.



Since 1965, OCRIM has been educating millers from around the world at its facilities in Cremona, Italy. Photo courtesy of OCRIM.

### Perten Instruments acquires TexVol Instruments

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — Perten Instruments AB of Stockholm, Sweden announced on Sept. 2 that it has acquired the Sweden-based instrument manufacturer TexVol Instruments.

Under the terms of the acquisition, the BVM range of volume measuring instruments and the TVT range of texture analysis instruments will continue to be delivered to the food industry, now from Perten Instruments. Closing of the acquisition is expected to take place Sept. 14.

Sven Holmlund, chief executive officer (CEO) of Perten Instruments said, “The complimentary nature of the instrument ranges

from Perten Instruments and TexVol Instruments allows us to deliver a wider range of analytical solutions to our customers from a single source.”

Johan Bjurenvall, CEO of TexVol Instruments, said, “The financial strength and market position of Perten Instruments provide new opportunities for TexVol products to expand into new applications and territories. Joining forces with Perten Instruments brings greater possibilities for our customers, our distributors and our employees. I believe it is a great match.”

### Food Protection Alliance names Schmitz as director

WESTFIELD, INDIANA, U.S. — The Food Protection Alliance announced in August that Kalah Schmitz has been named national executive director.

Schmitz has been involved with the Food Protection Alliance (FPA) since its inception in 2004.

Throughout her involvement, she has assisted FPA with marketing

in publications, press releases, tradeshow, and newsletters along with internal training for members.

Schmitz’s new role includes coordinating FPA development under a new strategic plan resulting in an organization that is a recognized leader in the field of food safety through pest management and fumigation.