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Pan-Oston Company expanding its Bowling Green manufacturing facility again

Expansion confirms commitment to retail checkout products that include significant high tech components.

Bowling Green, KY - May 19, 2009 Pan-Oston announced today that it was expanding its manufacturing plant on Louisville Road to accommodate growth in self-checkout and technology products and completing renovation of a portion of the plant to consolidate all its metal and wood production into a single state-of-the art manufacturing facility.

The addition will house an **Electronic Assembly Area** that is specially designed as a controlled "clean" environment with lighting, anti static technology and air conditioning to help ensure the perfect assembly of Utopia self-checkout solutions and other technology products.

"The new building represents a significant investment by Pan-Oston and re-affirms our long-term commitment to Utopia Self-Checkout technology and retail products that include electronic technology," said Jim Vance, President of Pan-Oston.

Utopia self-checkout has been well received by the grocery and convenience industries. It outperforms other self-checkout products on many of the key operational factors and is currently the only self-checkout solution offering customers the revolutionary new Bill Note Recycler. Utopia has completed over \$25 million in transactions and is now operational in seven grocery chains.

The new wood production area has state-of-the art computer controlled machinery and advanced environmental protection systems.

Pan-Oston, a majority owned subsidiary of Houchens Industries, Inc., one of the largest employee owned ("ESOP") companies in the United States, has been an industry leader in the design and manufacture of retail checkout products as well as a broad range of retail fixtures and fittings for over 40 years. www.panoston.com

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