

# Minuteman International moves their head office to Pingree Grove, IL

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Minuteman International, a manufacturer of industrial and commercial cleaning equipment, today announced their plans to relocate their head office from Addison, IL to Pingree Grove, IL

“Today is an important milestone by having signed an annexation agreement with Pingree Grove. It will be the start of a mutual cooperation which will create new job opportunities for the town of Pingree Grove and the surrounding area.” said Rudi Gutmann, President and CEO of Minuteman Intl. “Pingree Grove will be our home base to allow us the future growth and expansion necessary to compete in this global market” Gutmann said.

The Minuteman relocation will start immediately with the development and growth of Minuteman’s Pingree Grove, IL location. Approximately 90 employees from their administrative staff as well as their Engineering Department will be transferring to Pingree Grove as part of the consolidation process. The process should be completed by end of 2008 and at that time they should have 160 employees at the new facility. Additional jobs will be offered in the future as needed. “We would like Minuteman to be a desirable company to work for and would also like to be a good corporate citizen” said Gutmann.

“The consolidation process is an important step to improving efficiency while at the same time reducing cost.” said Ruediger Schroeder, COO and CFO of Minuteman Intl. “Also, Minuteman International strives to raise the bar on environmental requirements in today’s environmental conscious marketplace. Minuteman also offers a low cost of ownership and a high quality commitment to its’ dealers and customers” Schroeder said.

At the Pingree Grove facility Minuteman will produce a vast product line which includes scrubbers, sweepers, floor machines, burnishers, carpet extractors, vacuums, and critical filter vacuums that are sure to meet any commercial cleaning need. Their product offering provides the most up-to-date and innovative technology.

## About Minuteman International

Minuteman International is a desired Brand in the Cleaning Industry. It maintains three brand names, **Minuteman**, standing for commercial cleaning equipment, **PowerBoss**, standing for industrial cleaning equipment as well as **Multi-Clean** standing for its line of chemical products for the cleaning industry. Minuteman has additional locations in Shoreview, MN (Multi-Clean) and Aberdeen, NC (PowerBoss) which will be unaffected by the consolidation to Pingree Grove. Minuteman International, a member of the Hako Group, is a worldwide leader in industrial and commercial cleaning products.