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## CONTINENTAL SCREW SOLD TO IOWA FIRM



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Continental Screw Conveyor of St. Joseph was recently purchased by Meridian, which is based in Pella, Iowa.

### 'Good people, good product, good equipment' noted

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An Iowa-based manufacturer purchased a St. Joseph company last week with plans of growing in the future.

With the help of Allied Business Group in Kansas City, Continental Screw Conveyors closed the sale of its 60,000-square-foot location to Meridian on Thursday.

"It was a nice transaction not only for them but for the community," said Tim Skarda, president of Allied.

Continental, located at 4343 Easton Road, has about 30 employees and has been around for more than three decades. Both Continental and Meridian are similar in product lines and are in the material handling industry.

"I thought it was a good fit from my background in manufacturing and in the Midwest," said Joe Canfield, president of Meridian in Pella, Iowa. "Good people, good product and good equipment are three key things to have a successful company," he said. "That's what attracted me to the

business. It's a good name."

Timing was everything and Meridian has plans to build upon the existing success.

"We're looking forward to growing (Continental) where it's at with the people there," Mr. Canfield said. "We think it could thrive. It's about retaining jobs in St. Joseph and growing a local company."

According to the website, Continental has been building bulk material handling equipment for 70 years.

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