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UtiliCon Solutions, Ltd., an Asplundh company, acquires Highlines Construction Company, Inc.

(Philadelphia, PA) UtiliCon Solutions, Ltd., a subsidiary of Asplundh Tree Expert Co., announced on December 29, 2009 the purchase of certain assets of Highlines Construction Company, Inc. based in Westwego, Louisiana. Highlines, founded in 1969, provides electric transmission, substation and distribution system construction, maintenance, street lighting and related services in the southern United States.

Bryan Beadle, former vice president of Highlines, will have operational responsibility for the Highlines organization and will report to Greg Holman, Vice President of UtiliCon Solutions. Beadle said, "I'm looking forward to continuing to provide outstanding service to all Highlines customers and to future growth opportunities with help from the considerable resources that UtiliCon can offer."

George Graham, President of UtiliCon Solutions, said, "We are very pleased to be adding Highlines to the UtiliCon family of companies. With Highlines' strong operational performance, safety culture, management team and utility experience, they will bolster our existing construction presence in the South. I welcome the Highlines employees who joined our team and look forward to a very successful 2010 and beyond."

About UtiliCon and Highlines

UtiliCon Solutions, Ltd., an Asplundh company, is a leading national provider of infrastructure services for utilities. UtiliCon safely and efficiently designs, builds and maintains electric, gas, and telecommunications transmission and distribution systems through our experienced network of operating companies. Highlines Construction Company, Inc. is now a Utility Lines Construction Services, Inc. (ULCS) company. ULCS is a subsidiary of UtiliCon Solutions, Ltd.

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