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GF Piping Systems opens 4.000m² warehouse in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

GF Piping Systems, the leading flow solutions provider, is opening a new warehouse focused on products and services for the cruise industry on 27 March 2023.

After the old warehouse with 1.000m² of floor space had been operated for more than 40 years, the Swiss company has made the decision to scale up its presence in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The new 4.000m² facility in the world's cruise capital is large enough to store over 13 kilometers of pipes, while 23 employees will focus on distribution and sales for customers across the cruise industry and beyond.

The goal of the new warehouse is to further increase customer proximity. On the one hand, the larger stock footprint on-site covers the the company's entire marine portfolio, including Instaflex, ecoFIT, Sanipex MT, iFIT, COOL-FIT, SeaDrain White, Marine grade PVC-C and PVC-U piping systems, as well as a wide range of fittings and flanges. The warehouse also features a showroom and training center that introduces customers to GF Piping Systems' products and services, and prefabrication capabilities for custom solutions. In addition to the cruise industry, the new location will contribute to the company's growth in the merchant marine business as well as the thriving floating wind and offshore energy markets.

Eric Arenas, Marine Technical Director at GF Piping Systems Marine USA, comments "We believe that customer proximity is essential to providing the highest quality piping systems – and creating connections for life. I personally look forward to welcome customers at our new facility and show them GF Piping Systems' sustainable water solutions that reflect decades of experience in the industry."

Christian Ludwig, Head of Marine at GF Piping Systems, sees the expansion as an important step for the company: "GF Piping Systems is a longtime partner and supplier for shipyards and operators across the marine sector, and the cruise industry in particular. We want to further improve the customer experience by enhancing product availability and offering services that make the installation of our products as easy as possible – in applications ranging from cruise ships to floating wind farms."

GF Piping Systems has more than 30 years of experience in the marine sector and is committed to offering innovative, energy-saving solutions that contribute to the industry's goal of becoming more sustainable. The corrosion-free and lightweight thermoplastic piping systems minimize maintenance requirements and have a longer service life than metal alternatives. The company's marine portfolio covers applications such as water treatment and distribution, grey and black water disposal, cooling, as well as exhaust gas scrubbing and ballast water distribution and treatment.

GF Piping Systems' new facility in Fort Lauderdale, FL, begins operation on 26 March 2023.

Discover GF Piping Systems' products for the marine sector.

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About GF Piping Systems Ltd.

As the leading flow solutions provider for the safe and sustainable transport of fluids, GF Piping Systems creates connections for life. The division focuses on industry-leading leak-free piping solutions for numerous demanding end-market segments. Its strong focus on customer-centricity and innovation is reflected by its global sales, service, and manufacturing footprint and its award-winning portfolio, including fittings, valves, pipes, automation, fabrication, and jointing technologies.

GF Piping Systems has its own sales companies in 31 countries, which means it is always by its customers' side. Production sites in 36 locations in America, Europe, and Asia ensure sufficient availability and quick, reliable delivery. In 2022, GF Piping Systems generated sales of CHF 2'160 million and employed 8'085 people. GF Piping Systems is a division of Georg Fischer AG, founded in 1802 and headquartered in Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

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