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AIC Ventures Expands Facility for Lone Star Fasteners, L.P.

AUSTIN, TX, (January 14, 2010) - In March of 2008, AIC Ventures acquired a 90,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Spring, Texas owned and occupied by Lone Star Fasteners, L.P. At closing, AIC Ventures simultaneously entered into a long-term lease with Lone Star, a leading manufacturer and distributor of commercial, specialty and exotic alloy fasteners designed to meet the needs of the energy, military and aerospace industries. Following the initial transaction, AIC has continued to help satisfy Lone Star's real estate needs by financing and constructing two separate expansions of the property. The most recent expansion was completed in December of 2009 for 20,000 square feet bringing the total expansion of the property to more than 40,000 square feet in the past two years.

In the last 18 months, AIC Ventures has closed approximately \$240 million with its seventh and eighth funds. In each transaction, the company acquired the property according to the original terms outlined. The capital infusion is used by companies for a variety of reasons including: to strengthen their corporate balance sheet fundamentals, fund growth initiatives or acquisitions and/or support other strategic investments. With fewer restrictions and requirements in comparison to more traditional financing options, sale leasebacks offer sellers flexible capital that can be redeployed at the company's discretion.

About AIC Ventures

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