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BPR-Rico Manufacturing Working with the Alternative Energy Market

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Handling any components in a nuclear plant takes a special kind of care. Clamping and leveling devices take on a whole new meaning while carrying six (6) forty foot high centrifuges and allowing an operator to control the vehicle from the seated position or remotely outside of the vehicle. Maneuvering this vehicle loaded as well as empty was a challenge within itself but was accomplished with four-wheel steering with velocity sensing to ensure stability, acceleration and overall performance. Embracing the challenge, Rico created the Nuclear Tube Transporter and positioner.

See Video <http://vimeo.com/62090372>

The American Centrifuge Plant is an advanced uranium enrichment facility in Piketon, Ohio, which will produce low enriched uranium, a key component for the fabrication of commercial nuclear fuel. The American Centrifuge Plant's capacity will be equal to about one-third of the fuel requirements for the commercial power reactors in the United States, which provide approximately 20% of the U.S. electricity supply today.

The American Centrifuge Plant will utilize USEC's AC100 centrifuge machine, which has been developed, engineered and assembled in the United States. The AC100 design is a disciplined evolution of classified U.S. centrifuge technology originally developed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and successfully demonstrated during the 1980s. DOE invested \$3 billion over 10 years to develop the centrifuge technology, built approximately 1,500 machines and accumulated more than 10 million machine hours of run time.

In addition to providing economic advantages through energy production and job creation, the American Centrifuge Project will also provide significant environmental, energy security, nonproliferation and national security benefits. President of Rico, Steve Shuck, said, "Being a part of this project was important to Rico. This project is about solving problems with American ingenuity and lessening our dependence on foreign energy."

Customizing lift trucks, RICO is able to meet the unique needs of today's manufacturers while managing the design, development and manufacturing of specialized lift trucks and material handling equipment. Having entered the Explosion Proof market in 1991, RICO is uniquely poised to maintain equipment and ensuring the safety of those employees working in these challenging environments.

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