



New manufacturer American Select Tubing to locate in Mattoon

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MATTOON (JG-TC) — A new manufacturing facility is coming to Mattoon.

Sullivan-based AF Holding Company announced the launch of a new company, American Select Tubing, LLC, specializing in the manufacture and sale of handles to the broom, brush and mop industry, as well as the tool trade.

American Select Tubing's manufacturing facility will be located in Mattoon, according to an AF Holding Company press release. A company spokeswoman told the JG-TC on Tuesday night that more information, such as the number of workers that American Select Tubing might employ, is not yet available.

"This market demands a supplier who can deliver a quality product with minimal lead time," said Mike Cohan, AF Holding president. "American Select Tubing is being developed to specifically address those needs."

According to Cohan, the manufacturing process will be comprised of high-speed roll-forming and induction welding of full-hard steel tubes. Plastic or powder coat finish will be applied and customer-specific fittings added to produce a high quality handle to customer specifications, according to the company press release.

Mark Maninfor, a Mattoon native with a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, has been hired as general manager of the new company.

Maninfor, who served on the board of directors of CCAR Industries in Charleston, has 27 years of manufacturing experience, including 15 years dedicated to the manufacture of metal handles for brooms, brushes and mops, and tubing products for other industries.

About AF Holding Company

AF Holding Company provides accounting and IT services to its joint ventures and subsidiaries, Hydro-Gear, a global leader in the design and manufacture of precision drive systems; Agri-Fab, a world leader in the manufacture of attachments for the lawn and garden industry; and Clark Pulley, the leading manufacturer of pulleys for lawn and garden products and appliances.