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### *Alexco Installs Granco Clark Hot-Jet Furnace*

*Belding, Michigan* —Alexco, a supplier of hard alloy aluminum extrusions to the aerospace industry, has chosen Granco Clark to supply the billet heating system for a new 3600-ton press at its Chandler, Arizona facility. The new line will expand Alexco's ability to service the aerospace market with larger circle sizes and additional capacity.

A Model 812-30-3 Granco Clark Hot-Jet furnace will provide Alexco with the flexibility to process eight-inch to twelve-inch diameter billets. The billet furnace and handling equipment have been modified to heat and handle billet lengths down to nine inches. This allows the use of very short billets, which reduce the container friction and optimize the unit pressure available for high-strength alloys.

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*Founded in 1947, Granco Clark began manufacturing billet furnaces and has evolved into a global, single-source supplier and leading equipment manufacturer to the aluminum extrusion industry. Quality is a key component in every extrusion system the ISO-9001-certified company fabricates—from billet log furnaces and log shears to age ovens and stacking equipment.*