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### **Heyl & Patterson Celebrates 125 Years in Business**

Pittsburgh, PA (January 10, 2012) – [Heyl & Patterson Inc.](http://www.heylopatterson.com), a specialist engineering company headquartered in Pittsburgh, proudly celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout 2012. Crediting multiple generations of employees, customers and vendors for the company's longevity, Heyl & Patterson has continually adapted to the times and has demonstrated that success is driven by teamwork and innovation.

Heyl & Patterson has been based in Pittsburgh since its founding in 1887.

Heyl & Patterson's hometown success story began when Edmund W. Heyl and William J. Patterson formed a sales agency in downtown Pittsburgh for conveyer chains and elevator buckets. Due to its proximity to the coal, steel, glass and aluminum industries of southwestern Pennsylvania, Heyl & Patterson quickly evolved into one of their top suppliers as they grew in the region.

Heyl & Patterson is now an innovator of [railroad and barge unloaders](#) and [thermal processing](#) equipment for the mining, chemical, energy and biomass sectors. The company currently does business throughout North America and around the world, with electric power plants, export facilities and steel mills, and has ongoing relationships in countries such as Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, India, Indonesia and South Korea.

"People often ask how a locally-owned company like Heyl & Patterson has survived so long," said John Edelman, President and CEO. "We would not be in business today if our employees had not strived to maintain the legacy of the Heyl and Patterson families through the years. Our company has always stayed innovative and has consistently delivered the best quality products at fair prices. We never stop looking for ways to improve."

Prominent projects have included the wheel assemblies that move the roof of the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh, launch pad blast deflectors at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, and the largest capacity high-efficiency dryer in the world for U.S. Steel. During World War II, Heyl & Patterson was awarded the [U.S. Army-Navy "E" Award](#) for excellence in wartime production of manufacturing equipment.

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Heyl & Patterson holds numerous patents, including a fluid bed coal burner that turns refuse into clean, stable pellets that can be disposed of without ecological damage. The company also invented a [travelling hammermill](#) to work in conjunction with a [railroad car dumper](#); a crane that automatically replaces worn wire rope when safety requires it; and the [Continuous Barge Unloader](#), a machine with a series of buckets running in a continuous loop, which now makes up the majority of unloaders on the Mississippi Delta.

“Even as we celebrate our past successes, we focus on making Heyl & Patterson the best company it can be,” said Harry Edelman IV, Executive Vice President. “We have never had a more talented team in place, and you’ll see great things from us in the coming decades. We remain a nationally recognized industry leader, and we continue to provide a level of service that our competitors can never hope to achieve. We are eager to write the next chapter in the Heyl & Patterson’s history.”

After 125 years, Heyl & Patterson is more vital than ever, leading the way in product and industry knowledge. It serves on the [Lignite Energy Council](#) to enhance the development of American lignite coal for generating electricity, and is active in several specialty engineering and manufacturing associations. Heyl & Patterson was recently part of a team to receive the [Coal-Fired Project of the Year Award](#) for creating a cost-saving technology that improves fuel quality and decreases dangerous gas emissions at power plants. The company has also developed equipment for [wood torrefaction](#), a process that essentially converts wood biomass into a renewable coal substitute.

Heyl & Patterson has a long history of giving back to the community. These efforts include participation in the [Allegheny Conference Regional Investors Council](#) to provide input and expertise for economic and community advancement across the ten-county area. Heyl & Patterson is a long-time sponsor of the [Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania](#), [American Cancer Society](#) and [Entrepreneuring Youth](#), and is a member of the [University of Pittsburgh’s Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence](#).

Heyl & Patterson will host a series of events throughout 2012, including its 15<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual [Railcar Dumper User Group Conference](#) in September.

#### **About Heyl & Patterson Inc.:**

Founded in 1887 in Pittsburgh, PA, Heyl & Patterson Inc. provides high quality, custom engineered solutions for bulk material handling and thermal processing applications around the globe. Heyl & Patterson innovated the [Railcar Dumper Unloader](#) and offers a wide range of bulk material handling equipment, including [Railcar & Barge Movers](#) and [Barge Unloaders](#). Its [Renneburg](#) thermal processing products and services include some of the largest high-efficiency [Dryers and Coolers](#) in the world, as well as [Calciners](#), [Powder & Bulk Material Processors](#) and [Pilot Plant Laboratory Testing](#). For further information, contact David Phillips at 412-809-7170.

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