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POWER PLAYER



Lyle Keyser, a service technician at Kraft Power, works on re-assembling an engine which had a crankshaft exchange from the manufacturer.



Above, Jeffrey Roda installs emergency stop switches in clean room cells used for engine and generator maintenance.



Kraft Power found a new home in Massillon, created jobs

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Kraft Power transplanted operations from Canton to Massillon in 2007.

The company was one of the first to announce a move to the city last year, unveiling plans to open a 32,000-square-foot facility in the NEOCOMM Industrial Park. The site not only allowed the company to grow, but it placed

it close to the Ohio 21 and U.S. 30 corridor.

It moved 16 jobs from its former home and created another six. It has annual sales of about \$50 million.

The company makes generators, generator power systems, power transmission products, and diesel and gas engines. It focuses on maintenance and distribution of the products as well.

More information at www.kraftpower.com.



At left, inside of the Kraft Power repair shop.

Below left, Nick Rode, a service technician at Kraft Power, works to repair an engine for an automobile shredder.

Below right, Steve Zupp restocks some of the more than \$1 million in parts inventory in the Kraft Power warehouse.

