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**CLEARY GULL INC. ADVISES RED HEAD BRASS, LLC, A PORTFOLIO COMPANY OF GUARDHILL HOLDINGS, IN ITS SALE TO D’ORAZIO CAPITAL PARTNERS AND F.N.B. CAPITAL PARTNERS**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 8, 2015** – Cleary Gull Inc. (“Cleary Gull”) is pleased to announce that Red Head Brass, LLC (“RHB” or “the Company”), a portfolio company of Guard Hill Holdings, has been acquired by an affiliate of D’Orazio Capital Partners (“DCP”) and F.N.B. Capital Partners, L.P. (“FNBCP”). Cleary Gull acted as exclusive financial advisor to RHB in this transaction.

“We were excited to represent Red Head Brass in the transaction,” said Ryan Olsta, Managing Director of Cleary Gull. “DCP and FNBCP were a wonderful fit and partner for RHB, and will be an integral part in the Company’s growth.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Red Head Brass management team and FNBCP. Red Head Brass has a long history of providing products of the highest quality which are used in critical lifesaving applications,” noted Bill Kaczynski, Senior Managing Director at DCP.

Red Head Brass, LLC, ([www.redheadbrass.com](http://www.redheadbrass.com)) headquartered in Shreve, Ohio, is the largest manufacturer of couplings and fittings for the domestic firefighting market. The Company’s products are also utilized in industrial and oil and gas applications including water transportation to and from hydraulic fracturing wells and “big water” applications such as nuclear power, refinery fire suppression, and emergency water distribution. Red Head Brass is proud to label all of its manufactured products “Made in the USA” as it is a key indicator of quality and consistency in an industry where product safety is of critical importance.

Guard Hill Holdings, ([www.guardhillholdings.com](http://www.guardhillholdings.com)) located in Bedford, NY is a team of experienced operating and financial partners who have invested their own capital in over 40 private equity transactions during the past 20 years. Guard Hill Holdings is focused on making controlling equity investments in manufacturing companies.

D’Orazio Capital Partners, ([www.doracm.com](http://www.doracm.com)) based in Chicago, IL is a private equity firm which primarily invests in private, lower middle market companies in the energy and manufacturing sectors with tenured management.

F.N.B. Capital Partners, ([www.fnbc.com](http://www.fnbc.com)) headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA specializes in providing mezzanine debt, subordinated notes, private equity and other types of financial capital to small and medium size commercial enterprises for the purposes for the recapitalizations, buyouts, generational transitions, mergers and acquisitions and other growth capital.



### **About Cleary Gull**

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