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## **Captive-Aire expands into Canada**

Raleigh, NC (July 14, 2006) -- Captive-Aire Systems, the nation's largest manufacturer of commercial kitchen ventilation equipment has opened its first sales office outside the United States -- in Canada.

"We are excited about Captive-Aire's expansion into the international market," said Captive-Aire president Bob Luddy. "Our sales growth for shipments into Canada is booming. It's a natural next step to open an office there to provide the best, local service to many of our Canadian customers," he added.

The Toronto office will be headed by new hire Marek Petruczynik, who offers industry experience and a background in mechanical engineering.

Additionally, Captive-Aire has opened a new sales office in Los Angeles, which will be headed by Dallas Regional Manager Mark Hamilton. The office is number 56 in Captive-Aire's U.S. network of sales and engineering offices.

The announcement of the new sales offices follows Captive-Aire's fourth plant opening last month. The Redding, California plant joins the Captive-Aire's string of manufacturing facilities, which are strategically located across the country.

North Carolina-based Captive-Aire began in a one-room facility in 1976. In 2005, Captive-Aire's sales reached \$155 million. Captive-Aire is continually voted "Best in Class" by industry dealers and consultants, according to Foodservice Equipment & Supplies magazine.

<https://www.captiveair.com/Sitedocs/CaptiveAire/Articles/Best%20In%20Class%202005.pdf>

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