

Papé purchases California Kenworth

The Papé Group, a Eugene holding company for capital equipment dealerships throughout the West, announced Monday that it had purchased the assets of Central California Kenworth, including its locations in Bakersfield, Fresno, Stockton, Paso Robles and Madera.

Central California Kenworth will become Papé Trucks Inc., one of seven companies owned by The Papé Group.

A purchase price was not disclosed.

The Papé Group, with about 1,800 employees, is solely owned by Randy Papé, grandson of company founder E.C. Papé. The company, founded in 1938, has about 650 employees in Oregon, including 100 in Eugene.

Central California Kenworth, also privately held, had about 225 employees.

The Papé Group owns Papé Material Handling Inc., Papé Trucks, Papé Rents, Bobcat West, Ditch Witch Northwest, Flightcraft Inc., Engineered Products — A Papé Co., and Papé Machinery Inc.

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