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RANCH HAND INVESTING \$2 MILLION IN SHINER & BEEVILLE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES,

The company meets consumer demand with growth of workforce and sees success with improved business processes

Shiner, TX - April 9, 2018 - Behind momentum from improved business processes, [Ranch Hand Truck Accessories](#), the leader in aftermarket truck and SUV protection, is investing another \$1.25 million in its manufacturing facilities in Shiner, TX and Beeville, TX. This brings capital investment for the last 12 months to over \$2 million. In addition, Ranch Hand has hired more than 50 employees since the beginning of 2018 and is offering aggressive signing bonuses to welders.

“We have seen orders for our replacement bumpers, grille guards and running steps increase 50% in the past six months,” said Jason Kaspar, CEO of [Kaspar Companies](#), the 5th generation, family-owned holding company which Ranch Hand is a part of. “That sort of demand for our products has led to some challenges for us in terms of lead times. However, we had a record month for shipping in March and will build on that. We are seeing successes in optimizing our business processes. To grow that success requires equipment upgrades and solid people.”

Ranch Hand began evolving their business processes at the beginning of 2017. “We began our commitment to improving our business processes at the start of last year, pursuing lean manufacturing and acquiring the people to execute on the strategy,” Kaspar continued. “At the end of the year, we moved back-bumper production to what is known as a value stream. Lead times for back bumpers are now less than half of our overall lead times as we eliminated waste from the process. We plan to move all product lines to a similar production method by the end of this year.”

For more information about current job opportunities at Ranch Hand, please visit www.kasparcompanies.com/careers.

About Ranch Hand

[Ranch Hand Truck Accessories](#) is one of the originators of aftermarket truck protection, founded and still manufacturing its products in Texas. It is a subsidiary of [Kaspar Companies](#), a 5th generation, family-owned holding company headquartered in Shiner, Texas, that has been in operation since 1898.

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