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**PRAIRIE CAPITAL ADVISORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT URSCHEL  
LABORATORIES, INC. IS NOW ESOP OWNED**

**OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL – February 29, 2016** – Prairie Capital Advisors Inc., a leading corporate finance advisory and investment banking firm, acted as exclusive financial advisor to the ESOP Trustee, First Bankers Trust Services, in the transaction for Urschel Laboratories, Inc. to become 100% employee owned. Prairie provided services which included valuation, feasibility and a fairness opinion for the transaction. Prairie is proud to be part of such an elite transaction team with Vedder Price and First Bankers Trust Services.

**About Urschel Laboratories, Inc.**

Urschel Laboratories has been designing and manufacturing precision industrial cutting machinery since 1910 when inventor/founder, William Urschel, established the Company. Today, Urschel Laboratories is the largest food cutting machine manufacturer in the world. Urschel Laboratories sells food processing equipment to almost every major food processor in the United States and over 100 countries worldwide. Earlier this year, the company just completed the final phase of a new \$92 million, 375,000 square foot world headquarters located in Chesterton, Indiana. Urschel Laboratories also has sales and service offices in the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Switzerland, Poland, Italy, Greece, Thailand, China, India, Singapore and Argentina.

**About Prairie Capital Advisors**

Prairie is an employee owned company that offers investment banking, ESOP advisory and valuation services to support the growth and ownership transition strategies of middle-market companies. Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois with offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Louisville and Philadelphia, the company is a leading advisor to closely-held companies nationwide. For more information, visit [www.prairiecap.com](http://www.prairiecap.com).

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