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AdeptAg Acquires Bellpark

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Bellpark Horticulture, which has been providing the horticulture industry with automation solutions for more than 20 years and is based in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, represents numerous leading greenhouse automation manufacturers, such as Visser Horti Systems, Logitec Plus, Mayer, DryGair, Unifortes and KG Systems.

The AdeptAg name may still be new to you—the company was founded this year by Rick Parod, an executive with years of experience in agriculture and especially irrigation. Rick's goal? Offer the North American controlled environment agriculture industry a consolidated platform of technologies. That's what led him to make his first acquisitions this year, AgriNomix and Zwart Systems. Bellpark makes No. 3.

"Bellpark is a great addition to the AdeptAg platform," said Rick in a press release. "Their strong reputation as best-in-class reflects the same DNA as the current AdeptAg platform and pairs perfectly with our strategic leadership position in providing solutions in controlled environment agriculture."

Bellpark owner and President Kevin Vander Ploeg said of the deal, "The benefits of Bellpark becoming part of the AdeptAg team will provide our customers with expanded and unsurpassed design, sales and service, and offers our customers complete solution capability. It's an exciting time for the Bellpark organization and the horticulture industry."

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