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Thompson Street's Thermon launches \$120M IPO



James Cooper founded Thompson Street.

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St. Louis private equity firm Thompson Street Capital Partners said its portfolio company, Thermon Group Holdings Inc., has launched its \$120 million initial public offering.

A total of 10 million shares of common stock (NYSE: THR) are being sold at \$12 each until the offering closes Tuesday.

A year ago, James Cooper, senior managing partner and founder of Thompson Street, teamed with three other groups on a \$129 million investment in Thermon, a San Marcos, Texas-based manufacturer of heat tracing equipment used to externally heat piping, vessels and instruments for freeze protection, process temperature

maintenance, environmental monitoring, and surface snow and ice melting.

The selling stockholders in the initial public offering include affiliates of the private equity firms CHS Capital LLC, Thompson Street Capital Partners and certain other investment funds and other non-management selling stockholders.

Of the 10 million shares of common stock to be sold to the public, 4 million shares are being offered by Thermon and 6 million shares are being offered by the selling stockholders.

Thermon and the selling stockholders have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1.5 million shares at the initial public offering price to cover

over-allotments, if any.

Thermon said it expects to use the net proceeds from the offering to prepay \$21 million of the \$189 million principal amount of its outstanding notes due 2017 and the balance for general corporate purposes.

Barclays Capital Inc. and Jefferies & Co. Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers for the offering. William Blair & Co., BMO Capital Markets Corp. and KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. are acting as co-managers of the offering.

Thompson Street Capital Partners in St. Louis has \$450 million in capital under management. The private equity firm said it makes investments in manufacturing, service and distribution businesses.