Arkel operates under the belief that it is through the good work of people that organizations realize success.

We look for the most qualified people who:

- Work with an uncompromising belief in taking care of the customer
- Accept differences in people as assets to our team
- Realize that improvement is never ending
- Fulfill commitments to our team, customers, partners, and suppliers
- Uphold our reputation by doing great work
- Leave behind something good in the places we work
ARKE LA INTERNATIONAL

Arkel International is an infrastructure and essential services company helping organizations, governments and militaries work successfully in the world’s most austere and remote locations. With a 30 year history of working overseas building sugar plants, providing construction and power generation, logistical and life support, Arkel goes where others cannot or will not. We’ve built a reputation of fulfilling our promises and the needs of our customers worldwide.

The Arkel approach is to provide integrated solutions to serve the unique needs of customers doing work in under-developed, hostile and emerging markets or where there is little or no infrastructure. We self-perform in our core competencies of construction, base operations, logistical and life support, power generation and IT/communications.

Our history

1955 Homer Knost begins LA Industrial Services, Inc.
Homer Knost moves to Baton Rouge and begins Louisiana Industrial Services, Inc. (LIS, Inc.), an industrial plant construction, maintenance and heavy equipment leasing company.

1960 Operations expand
LIS, Inc. becomes Homer Knost Construction, Inc., an industrial, chemical, and municipal power plant construction and dismantling company, specializing in paper mills.
Doing business under ordinary conditions presents enough challenges. Under extraordinary conditions and in unfamiliar territory, you need peace of mind that the job will get done. Arkel is well-adapted to difficult environments and has unique capabilities to bring working stability in the most undisciplined settings.

Our management team has performed services on multi-million dollar projects for construction, life support, camp management, and power generation, specifically within the Middle East region and Africa for United States Forces and various US government agencies and commercial firms. Arkel International’s beginnings have root in all parts of Africa supporting a multitude of diverse projects. A testimony to Arkel’s trailblazing ability was our call to service in 1985 after the completion of the Kenana Sugar Plant construction, where we served as the owner representative for the extensive project and factory manager for five years following. Because of the extensive logistical “pioneering” necessary in the development of Kenana, now a thriving city that was once a greenfield with no infrastructure or access, Arkel was sought to provide logistical services for the USAID Famine Relief Program. That mentality and philosophy of “can-do” was instrumental in our being one of the first American contractors allowed to do business in Iraq in 2003. Our presence has grown to all major provinces as we continue to support government and commercial entities.

1973 | Focus on sugar
Universal Corporation expands the role of Homer Knost Construction to sugar mill and refinery construction and plant maintenance on a regional level.

1975 | Arkel International arrives
Universal Corporation becomes Arkel International, Inc. exploding into the global market. Arkel International performs design, construction and feasibility studies in Africa, South America, Mexico, China, Russia, and other remote parts of the world.

1977 | US / Sudan
Homer Knost is a founding member of the US-Sudan Business Council and served as chairman from 1980 to 1983.
2005 was the 50th anniversary of Arkel International’s establishment. Stretching from the heart of Louisiana, we have reached out to the four corners of the earth developing lasting business relationships wherever we go. It is through these relationships and Arkel’s vast resourcefulness that we’ve helped clients mitigate risk and carry out successful projects.

At the heart of our success is our commitment to our customers—regardless of the task. This commitment is the key to developing business associations in new territories and has ultimately resulted in a network of not simply good business relationships, but solid company friendships.

MITIGATING RISKS and REALIZING SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

- **Construction**
- **Power**
- **Base Operations & Life Support**
- **Logistics**
- **IT & Communications**

**1985 Largest Sugar Mill in the world**
Arkel International completes a 10-year project as the owner’s representative for the design/build of Kenana Sugar Mill and subsequent managing agent, then the largest sugar mill in the world and now a thriving city.

**1986 Sudan Famine Relief/Wheat Program**
Arkel is called upon for its logistical prowess after its involvement in Kenana to provide logistical support to USAID during the Sudan Famine Relief/Wheat Program. The program involved Arkel’s procurement and operation of over 3,000 trucks to haul relief supplies into the affected areas. Sudan sanctions imposed, no US firm allowed in Sudan.

**1989 African Expansion**
Arkel expands to a more permanent African operation by opening a Kenyan office in Nairobi and works for the African Development Corporation on a multitude of projects. Current president and son of Homer, George Knost runs the Kenyan office as his first overseas project.
From greenfields to man-made or naturally-devastated areas to underdeveloped environments with no infrastructure, Arkel can successfully design and build under the most difficult conditions imaginable.

Our complete design-build construction services include:

- Civil and Infrastructure
- Construction & Project Management
- Value Engineering
- Design Engineering
- Permanent or Temporary Mancamp/Village Construction
- Water Well Drilling
- Scheduling
- Cost Estimating
- Programming
- Facility, Site Assessment and Inspection
- Constructability Review
- Pre-Fabricated Building Solutions and Systems

Exceptional environments require exceptional skills. When conditions change, and decisions need to be made, our mantra is "make it possible." Well-financed and aggressively focused on the customer, Arkel International adopts a management style that divests authority and enables people to respond rapidly and move quickly.

We want it no other way when reputations, money—and sometimes lives—are at stake. Infinitely resourceful, organized when there is no organization, and working with the customer’s success, budget and reduced project burden in mind, Arkel staff and the partners with whom they work, exhibit service without compromise.

2003 The Iraq war begins...

The Iraq war begins and Arkel International is one of the first US commercial firms allowed to do business in Iraq. Since then Arkel International expands its footprint into every province in Iraq performing construction, power, logistics, and life support functions.

2005 Back to Sudan

Arkel is one of the first US companies to be awarded an OFAC license to conduct business in Sudan who is not tied to a US Government/USAID contract since sanctions were lifted. Arkel reestablishes networks and rebuilds resources to begin work in Sudan and other parts of Africa.

2008 Prime Power in Iraq

Arkel successfully designed and constructed Four (4) Prime Power plants and overhead distribution networks throughout Iraq resulting in over $50 million in revenue. The projects also included the construction of both temporary and permanent mancamps, site leveling, fencing and roads, and project engineering.
Arkel’s footprint in the Middle East spreads beyond Iraq, and into Afghanistan. In 2009, Arkel established their first Afghanistan office in Kabul.

As business and operations grow, Arkel establishes a hub at Kandahar Airfield in support of LOGCAP providers.

2010
Afghanistan Operations Expand
Arkel expands its presence in Afghanistan by starting up operations at Camp Leatherneck and at Tarin Kowt.

2010 and ongoing. Arkel International continues in the Middle East, Africa and expands its focus to include the Horn of Africa and all of Southwest Asia and other remote locations in support of our customers with mission critical requirements.
Power

The fundamental foundation to modern day life support is power. Distributed power is vital to most projects, especially those located in regions of unreliable supply. Arkel has been providing power solutions from the smallest to the largest scale in places like Iraq, Sudan, Kenya, and other remote regions. We’ve become known for our power supply experience and capability ranging from large scale generation that sustains as many as 100,000 people to the HVAC systems we install in base camps. All in places that many find too difficult to venture.

The Arkel power teams have conducted installations within the most rigorous timeframes and under the most harsh conditions, earning us a stellar reputation and a place on several multi-logistical contracts for power service. Our performance speaks for itself, but renewed contracts in theater speak the best to our work, as we are repeatedly asked to extend service after the initial contracts.

Beyond design and installation of power systems we have also leased, installed and maintained thousands of generators on a turnkey basis to the US military, multinationals and both governmental and NGOs conducting work in under-supplied regions.

Arkel hires the most qualified and experienced electricians, distribution specialists, engineers, and certified diesel/generation mechanics who focus not only on quality and timeliness of a project but the safety and risk reduction factors that aid in incident-free projects. We’re proud of our record for safety and on-time delivery.

Our integrated power services include:

- Design, construction and installation of large power plants
- Overhead wire distribution
- Complete repair capability in remote areas
- Operations and maintenance
- Equipment procurement
- Complete fuel systems
Base Operations & Life Support

People working in austere environments deserve the best possible quality of life and work that conditions can afford. Getting the job done in these often forsaken regions does not simply require job expertise, but survival skills and agility. Arkel is well-adapted and highly capable of providing life support services ranging from initial expeditionary trips to long-term, multi-year program management.

From short-term, transient housing to full-service camps or villages, Arkel meets all housing, minor medical and life support functions:

- Turnkey camp maintenance & operations
- Temporary housing (including Arkel brand AIRMAQ)
- DFAC/Catering
- Laundry
- Offices
- Long and short-term billeting solutions
- Fire protection
- Housekeeping
- Medical facilities
- Morale, recreation & welfare
- Sewage removal
- Communications
- General maintenance
- Potable water
- Waste management & disposal
- Transportation/vehicles (sales, leasing & operation)
- Power supply (sales, leasing & operation)
Logistics

Logistics is a relatively new word used to describe a very old practice.

In ancient militaries, it was said that if the enemy didn’t kill you, your environment might.

Although the complexity of today’s work has resulted in the formal function of logistics in most reasonably sized businesses, logistics requires a high degree of focus for multinationals doing business overseas. “Enemies” exist in many forms in regions where Arkel supports their clients. We help diminish the complexities of doing business in these difficult-to-navigate regions due to remoteness, conflict, political and economic uncertainty or lack of infrastructure.

Our logistical services include:

- Procurement
- In and out bound transportation & management
- Inventory and cost control
- Document control
- Customs clearance
- Warehousing
- Materials handling
- Order fulfillment
- Overseas shipping
- In-country procurement
- In-country transportation/shipping
- Warranty administration

Our experience in many parts of the world, particularly Africa, the Middle East and in much of South America, has given us vast resources and helped us build lasting relationships. Those relationships are still strong today and enable us to maneuver in difficult areas while we make it possible for our clients to work with stability.
Communications

It is no surprise that the root of almost all problems stems from a lack of communication. Poor communication can kill a project quickly; good communication at the outset can assure its success. Setting up reliable communications is one of the first priorities when entering remote environments or where communication is limited or non-existent. Work teams need constant, consistent and reliable communications with clients, suppliers, employees, governments and all stakeholders responsible for successful projects and missions.

IT Support

Arkel’s IT support ranges from simple data transfers to robust VOIP systems with up to 10,000 plus users. From the middle of Africa to the heart of Fallujah, Iraq, our communications team has effectively erected, installed and commissioned countless systems.

Our turnkey solutions include:

- Large Area WiFi Installs
- Network Security
- Compression Technology
- Fee System Installs
- Satellite Communications
- VOIP
- Broadband Internet
- Networking
Our global reach

Afghanistan Argentinia Belize Bolivia Brazil Cameroon Canada China Colombia Costa Rica Ecuador El Salvador Ethiopia Egypt Ghana Guatemala Guyana Guinea Haiti Honduras India Indonesia Iraq Ivory Coast Jamaica Jordan Kenya Liberia Mexico Nigeria Nicaragua Panama Peru Philippines Rwanda Russia Senegal Somalia Sudan Tunisia Tanzania Uganda Venezuela

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