UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2006

Graham Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware 1-8462 16-1194720 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 20 Florence Avenue, Batavia, New York 14020 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (585) 343-2216 N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions: ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 27, 2006, Graham Corporation (the "Company") entered into an Employment Agreement with James R. Lines, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. The agreement, which has an effective date of August 1, 2006, provides that Mr. Lines will receive a minimum base salary of \$220,000 as well as other customary benefits. Mr. Lines is also eligible under the agreement to receive discretionary bonuses. The agreement automatically renews such that it always has a one-year term remaining, unless Mr. Lines or the Company elects not to extend the term further, in which case the term will end on the first anniversary of the date on which notice of such election not to extend is given. If not terminated sooner, the agreement will end on the last day of the month in which Mr. Lines turns 65. The Employment Agreement also provides that upon the occurrence of certain events within three years after a change in control of the Company, Mr. Lines would be entitled to certain payments, including among other things, a payment equal to one dollar less than three times his average tax-includable compensation (including bonus) for the five most recent taxable years ending before the date of such change in control. In addition, in such an event all unvested stock options held by Mr. Lines would accelerate. The Employment Agreement supercedes all prior employment agreements between the parties. A copy of the Employment Agreement is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

On July 27, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved the grant of 3,000 stock options to Mr. Lines under the 2000 Graham Corporation Incentive Plan to Increase Shareholder Value. Such stock options have an exercise price of \$17.10 (that being the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the American Stock Exchange on the date of grant), yest 25% per year over four years and expire ten years from the date of grant.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Employment Agreement between Graham Corporation and James R. Lines executed July 27, 2006 with an effective date of August 1, 2006

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Graham Corporation

Date: July 27, 2006

By: J. Ronald Hansen

J. Ronald Hansen

Vice President — Finance & Administration and Chief Financial

Officer

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of August 1, 2006, by and between Graham Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 20 Florence Avenue, Batavia, New York 14020 (the "Company"), and James R. Lines, currently residing at 11 Hillside Parkway, Lancaster, New York (the "Executive").

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive are parties to that certain Employment Agreement dated December 1, 1993, as amended by that certain Amendment No. 1 dated September 26, 1996 (such Employment Agreement, as Amended, is referred to herein as the "Prior Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive desire to replace the Prior Agreement in its entirety with this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, agree as follows:

1. Employment. The Company hereby employs the Executive and the Executive hereby accepts employment as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Failure in any year of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") at its Annual Meeting to elect the Executive to the offices of President and Chief Operating Officer shall constitute termination of the Executive's employment without cause for purposes of this Agreement.

2. Duties; Company Life Insurance.

- (a) The Executive shall have authority and responsibility for all aspects of the operation and management, on a day-to-day basis, of the Company and shall perform such duties consistent with Executive's title as may from time to time be required of the Executive by the Board, to which Executive shall be directly responsible. The Executive's office shall be in, or within a reasonable commuting distance of Batavia, New York. The Executive agrees to travel to the extent reasonably necessary for the performance of his duties hereunder. The Executive shall devote his full time to the business and affairs of the Company and shall use his best efforts, skill and ability in performing his duties on behalf of the Company.
- (b) The Executive agrees that the Company, in its discretion, may apply for and procure in its own name and for its own benefit, life insurance on the life of the Executive in any amount or amounts considered advisable, and that he shall have no right, title or interest therein. The Executive further agrees to submit to any medical or other examination and to execute and deliver any application or other instrument in writing, reasonably necessary to effectuate such insurance, provided such actions do not harm the Executive's ability to otherwise obtain or retain life insurance(s).

3. <u>Term</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall be and remain in effect during the period of employment (the "Term") established under this Section 3.
- (b) Except as provided in Section 3(c), beginning on the effective date of this Agreement, the Term shall be for one year and shall be automatically extended for one additional year each day (such that while this Agreement is in effect the remaining Term shall never be less or greater than one year) that this Agreement is in effect, unless either the Company, or the Executive, respectively, elects not to extend the Term further by giving written notice to the other party, in which case the Term shall end on the first anniversary of the date on which such written notice is given; provided, however, that in any event, the Term shall end on the last day of the month in which the Executive attains the age of 65.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, (i) this Agreement may be terminated during the Term as provided for herein and (ii) nothing in this Agreement shall mandate or prohibit a continuation of the Executive's employment following the expiration of the Term upon such terms and conditions as the Company and the Executive may mutually agree upon.
- 4. <u>Base Compensation.</u> As the base compensation for all services to be rendered by the Executive to the Company, the Company agrees to pay to the Executive, and the Executive shall accept, a salary at a rate of \$220,000 per annum, payable in arrears in equal monthly installments, subject to such deductions and withholdings as may be required by law. Not less than once each year, the Board will review the salary of the Executive, taking into consideration such factors as the Executive's performance and such other matters as it deems relevant and, in its discretion alone, may increase the salary of the Executive to such rate as the Board deems proper, provided that the Company shall in no event be required to grant any such increase. However, in the event of Change in Control (as hereinafter defined), (i) if for any calendar year a salary increase at least equal to the increase in the U.S. Urban Wage Earners Price Index during the previous twelve months is not granted, or (ii) if the Executive's base salary is decreased at any time, then in either event the Executive may in his sole discretion terminate this Agreement upon 30-days' written notice given at any time during the calendar year for which no such increase was granted, or during the 12-month period following any such decrease in salary, and thereupon the Company shall be obligated to pay the Executive the amounts, and provide the benefits, specified in Section 9.

5. Incentive Compensation.

- (a) Bonus. The Company shall pay Executive bonuses and make awards under the Company's bonus plans or arrangements of Company as may be in effect from time to time, as determined by the Board or a committee thereof.
- (b) Long-Term Incentive Compensation. The Executive shall be eligible to participate in any long-term incentive compensation plan generally made available to senior executives of the Company at a level commensurate with his position and in accordance with and subject to the terms of such plans.

- (c) Other Compensation. The Company may, upon recommendation of the Board or a committee thereof, award to the Executive such other bonuses and compensation as it deems appropriate and reasonable.
 - 6. Benefits. During the term of this Agreement, the Company shall provide the following benefits to the Executive:
- (a) *Medical*. The Company will provide the Executive health coverage for himself and his family in accordance with the Company's health and medical insurance plans, as the same may be in effect from time to time. The Executive shall be responsible for paying the employee portion of the premiums for such health and medical insurance plans.
- (b) Vacation. The Executive shall be entitled to 20 business days of paid vacation each calendar year during the term of this Agreement, with such vacation time to accrue in accordance with the Company's vacation policy, as the same may be in effect from time to time.
- (c) General Benefits. The Executive shall be entitled to participate in all employee benefit plans and arrangements of the Company that may be in effect from time to time and as may from time to time be made available to the other executive officers of the Company, subject to and on a basis consistent with the terms, conditions and overall administration of such plans and arrangements. Nothing in this Section 6(c) shall be construed to limit or restrict the complete discretion of the Board to amend, modify or terminate any employee benefit plan or plans of the Company where such action generally affects plan participants or employees, including the Executive.
- 7. Expenses. The Company shall pay or reimburse the Executive for all reasonable and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred or paid by the Executive in connection with the performance of his duties under this Agreement upon presentation of expense statements or vouchers and such other supporting information as the Company may from time to time reasonably request. However, the amount available for such traveling and other expenses may be fixed in advance by the Board.
- 8. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate prior to the Term expiration date, hereinabove set forth, in the event that the Executive shall die or the Board shall reasonably determine that the Executive has become disabled, or if the Executive's employment shall be terminated for cause or without cause, as hereinafter provided.
- (a) Disability. The Board may determine that the Executive has become disabled, for purposes of this Agreement, in the event that the Executive shall fail, because of illness or incapacity, to render for nine successive months, or for shorter periods aggregating 12 months or more in any period of 18 months, services of the character contemplated by this Agreement; and thereupon this Agreement and all rights of the Executive hereunder shall be deemed to have been terminated as of the end of the calendar month in which such determination is made.
- (b) For Cause. The Board may dismiss the Executive for cause in the event that it determines that there has been willful misconduct by the Executive in connection with the performance of his duties hereunder, or any other conduct on the part of the Executive which has been materially injurious to the Company; and thereupon this Agreement shall terminate effective

upon the delivery to the Executive of 30-day written notice that the Board has made such determination. For purposes of this Agreement, "cause" shall be determined only by a good faith finding thereof by the Board, which shall afford the Executive the opportunity to appear before it prior to finalizing any such determination. If the Executive in good faith contests a termination for cause, the Company will pay all legal fees and other expenses incurred by the Executive, as the Executive is billed for such costs, within ten days of periodic submission to the Company of statements of charges of attorneys and statements of other expenses incurred by the Executive in connection with such challenge. The Executive will reimburse the Company for all such costs if it should be determined by a court of final adjudication that the Executive did not act in good faith in bringing such challenge.

- (c) Without Cause. The Executive may resign without cause at any time upon 30 days' written notice to the Company, in which event the Company's obligation to compensate him ceases on the effective date of his termination except as to amounts due to him under Section 8(c)(i). The Company may dismiss the Executive without cause at any time upon 30-days' written notice to the Executive. In the event the Company dismisses the Executive other than for cause, or if the Executive resigns because of a material breach of this Agreement by the Company, the Company shall provide to the Executive:
- (i) payment of the compensation due to him through the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment, within ten business days following such effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment;
- (ii) continuation of the Executive's salary for nine months following the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment at the higher of the rate specified in Section 4 or the highest salary rate in effect for the Executive during the one-year period preceding the termination of his employment, which salary continuation shall be paid monthly in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices; provided, however, payment shall be made in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable after the nine-month anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code;
- (iii) payment of an additional lump sum in an amount equal to nine months' salary at the higher of the rate specified in Section 4 or the highest salary rate in effect for the Executive during the one-year period preceding the termination of his employment, to be paid as soon as administratively practicable after the nine-month anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment;
- (iv) continuation of the health and medical coverage described in Section 6(a) for a period of 18 months following the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment;
- (v) payment of, or in the Executive's sole discretion, reimbursement of the Executive for, outplacement services of the Executive's choice until the earlier of (1) the Executive's commencement of employment with another employer or (2) 36 months following the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment, to be paid as soon as administratively practicable after the six-month anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's

employment; provided, however, that the Company's obligation under this Section 8(c)(v) shall not exceed a total amount of \$40,000; and

(vi) payment of any Accrued Bonus (as defined below), to be paid as soon as administratively practicable after the six-month anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment.

For purposes of this Section 8(c), Accrued Bonus shall mean any amount of bonus with respect to any year prior to the year in which dismissal without cause occurs ("Prior Bonus Year") calculable by applying the formula prescribed by the Company's incentive compensation plan as it existed on December 31 of such Prior Bonus Year and employing in the application of such formula the goals, ratios and weighting percentages and other variable figures which the Bonus Plan calls for the Company's Board or any committee thereof to determine annually ("Bonus Plan Variables") which the Company's Board of Directors or any committee thereof adopted for purposes of the Bonus Plan prior to December 31 of such Prior Bonus Year. With respect to any Prior Bonus Year for which neither the Company's Board nor any committee thereof adopted Bonus Plan Variables prior to December 31 of such year, the Bonus Plan Variables adopted most recently prior to the commencement of the Prior Bonus Year in issue shall be employed for purposes of calculating the amount of Accrued Bonus payable pursuant to this Section 8(c) for any Prior Bonus Year with respect to which a bonus amount was paid to and accepted by the Executive. In the event that the provisions of this Section 8(c) are triggered, the Executive shall resign from all offices and directorships of the Company and of all subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company, upon payment to the Executive of the amount referred to in subsection (i) of the second sentence of this Section 8(c), payment of the amount referred to in subsection (ii) of the second sentence of this Section 8(c) (or the first installment thereof) and Accrued Bonus, if any.

- (d) Release of Claims. The Company's obligation to provide the payments under this Section 8 is conditioned upon the Executive's execution of an enforceable release of all claims (and upon the expiration of all applicable rescission periods contained in such release) and his compliance with all provisions of this Agreement. If the Executive chooses not to execute such a release (or rescinds such release) or fails to comply with these provisions, then the Company's obligation to compensate him ceases on the effective date of his termination except as to amount due to him under Section 8(c)(i).
- (e) Return of Confidential Documentation. Upon termination of his employment for any reason whatsoever, the Executive shall return to the Company all working papers, notebooks, strategic plans and other confidential documents and information, in any form whatsoever.

9. Change in Control.

(a) Continuation by Executive of Employment Pending Change in Control In the event a person begins a tender or exchange offer, circulates a proxy to stockholders, or takes other steps seeking to effect a Change in Control (as hereinafter defined), the Executive agrees that he will not voluntarily leave the employ of the Company, and will render the services contemplated in the recitals to this Agreement, until such person has either abandoned or terminated his or its efforts to effect a Change in Control or until three months after a Change in Control has occurred.

- (b) Post-Change in Control Termination Benefits. In addition to the benefits otherwise payable to the Executive (other than Sections 8(c)(ii) and (iii)) pursuant to this Agreement, upon the event of a Termination (as hereinafter defined) of the Executive's employment with the Company within three years after a Change in Control:
- (i) The Company will pay to the Executive as compensation for services rendered to the Company a lump sum (subject to any applicable payroll or other taxes required to be withheld) in an amount equal to (i) one dollar less than three times the Executive's annualized tax-includable compensation, including bonus compensation, for the five most recent taxable years ending before the date of the Change in Control; or (ii) if the Executive was employed by the Company for less than five years, one dollar less than three times the Executive's annualized tax includable compensation including bonus compensation for the period during which the individual was continuously employed by the Company and ending on the date of the Change in Control of the Company. The payment shall be made as soon as administratively practicable after the sixmonth anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment. In the event the Executive dies prior to receiving the lump sum payment, but following the occurrence of any event requiring the Company to make the payment required by this Section 9(b)(i), the payment provided for by this Section 9(b)(i) shall be made in lieu of the payments provided for by Sections 8(c)(ii) and (iii).
- (ii) The Company shall accelerate and make immediately exercisable in full any unvested stock options or shares of restricted stock that the Executive then holds. Accelerated stock options shall be exercisable by the Executive in accordance with their terms.
- (iii) The Company shall pay and provide to the Executive (or, in the event of his death, to his estate) as soon as administratively practicable after the six-month anniversary of the effective date of the termination of the Executive's employment (or, in the event of his death, as soon as administratively practicable after the date of his death), a lump sum payment in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of:
- (1) the present value of the aggregate benefits to which he would be entitled under any and all qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans maintained by, or covering employees of, the Company if he were 100 percent vested thereunder, such benefits to be determined as of the date of termination of employment; over
- (2) the present value of the benefits to which he is actually entitled under such defined benefit pension plans as of the date of his termination; where such present values are to be determined using the mortality tables prescribed under Section 415(b)(2)(E)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and a discount rate, compounded monthly, equal to the annualized rate of interest prescribed under Section 415 of the Code for the valuation of lump sum payments for the month in which the termination of the Executive's employment occurs.
- (iv) The Executive shall not be obligated to seek other employment in mitigation of the amounts payable or arrangements made under any provision of this Agreement, nor

shall any payments under this Agreement be reduced on account of any compensation, benefits or service credits for benefits from any employment that the Executive may obtain following his Termination.

(v) The Company's obligation to provide the payments under this Section 9(b) is conditioned upon the Executive's execution of an enforceable release of all claims (and upon the expiration of all applicable rescission periods contained in such release) and his compliance with all provisions of this Agreement. If the Executive chooses not to execute such a release (or rescinds such release) or fails to comply with these provisions, then the Company's obligation to compensate him ceases on the effective date of his termination except as to amount due to him under Section 8(c)(i).

(c) Definitions.

- (i) For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Change in Control" shall mean:
- (1) any "person" within the meaning of Section 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), other than the Company, a subsidiary, or any employee benefit plan(s) sponsored by the Company or any subsidiary, is or has become the "beneficial owner," as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, directly or indirectly, of 25 percent or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding securities of the Company ordinarily having the right to vote at the election of directors:
- (2) individuals who constitute the Board on the effective date of this Agreement (the "Incumbent Board") have ceased for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof (or a majority of the Board as then constituted), provided that any person becoming a director subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least three-quarters of the directors comprising the Incumbent Board (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of the Company in which such person is named as a nominee for director without objection to such nomination) shall be, for purposes of this Plan, considered as though such person were a member of the Incumbent Board;
- (3) the closing of a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company, other than one with respect to which all or substantially all of those persons who were the beneficial owners, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, of outstanding securities of the Company ordinarily having the right to vote in the election of directors own, immediately after such transaction, more than three-quarters of the outstanding securities of the resulting corporation ordinarily having the right to vote in the election of directors:
 - (4) the closing of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, other than to a subsidiary; or
 - (5) the complete liquidation and dissolution of the Company.
- (ii) For the purposes of this Section 9, the term "Termination" shall mean termination by the Company of the employment of the Executive with the Company (including its

subsidiaries) for any reason other than death, disability or cause (as defined below), or resignation of the Executive upon the occurrence of either of the following events:

- (1) A change in the nature or scope of the Executive's authority from that prior to a Change in Control, a reduction in the Executive's total compensation (including all and any base compensation, bonuses, incentive compensation and benefits of any kind or nature whatsoever) from that prior to a Change in Control, or failure of the Company to make any increase in compensation to which the Executive may be entitled under any employment agreement, or a change requiring the Executive to perform services other than in Batavia, New York or in any location more than thirty miles distant from Rochester, New York by road, except for required travel on the Company's business to an extent substantially consistent with the Executive's present business travel obligations; or
- (2) A reasonable determination (as defined below) by the Executive that, as a result of a Change in Control and a change in circumstances thereafter significantly affecting his position, he is unable to exercise the authority, powers, function or duties attached to his position.
 - (iii) Termination of employment by the Executive in his "reasonable determination" shall mean termination based on:
- (1) subsequent to a Change in Control of the Company, and without the Executive's express written consent, the assignment to him of any duties inconsistent with his positions, duties, responsibilities and status with the Company immediately prior to a Change in Control, or a change in the Executive's reporting responsibilities, titles, or offices as in effect immediately prior to a Change in Control, or any removal of the Executive from or any failure to re-elect him to any of such positions, except in connection with the termination of his employment for cause, disability or retirement or as a result of his death or by the Executive other than in a Reasonable Determination; or
- (2) subsequent to a Change in Control of the Company, a reduction by the Company in the Executive's base salary as in effect on the date hereof or as the same may be increased from time to time, or failure of the Company to make an increase in compensation to which the Executive may be entitled under any employment agreement; or
- (3) subsequent to a Change in Control of the Company, a failure by the Company to continue any bonus plans in which the Executive is presently entitled to participate (the "Bonus Plans") as the same may be modified from time to time but substantially in the forms currently in effect, or a failure by the Company to continue the Executive as a participant in the Bonus Plans on at least the same basis as he presently participates in accordance with the Bonus Plans; or
- (4) subsequent to a Change in Control of the Company, the failure by the Company to continue in effect (subject to such changes as may be required by law from time to time) any benefit or compensation plan, stock ownership plan, stock purchase plan, stock option plan, life insurance plan, health-and-accident plan or disability plan in which the Executive is participating at the time of Change in Control of the Company (or plans providing him with

substantially similar benefits), the taking of any action by the Company which would adversely affect the Executive's participation in or materially reduce his benefits under any of such plans or deprive him of any material fringe benefit enjoyed by him at the time of the Change in Control, or the failure by the Company to provide him with the number of paid vacation days to which he is then entitled in accordance with the Company's normal vacation policy in effect on the date hereof; or

(5) prior to a Change in Control of the Company, the failure by the Company to obtain the assumption of the agreement to perform this Agreement by any successor as contemplated in Section 18.

(d) Golden Parachute Limitation.

- (i) In the event that the independent auditors most recently selected by the Board (the "Auditors") determine that any payment by the Company under this Section 9(d) to or for the benefit of the Executive would be nondeductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes because of the provisions concerning "excess parachute payments" in Section 280G of the Code, then the total amount of all payments under this Section 9(d) shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the Reduced Amount. For purposes of this Section 9(d), the "Reduced Amount" shall be the amount that maximizes the total amount of the payments without causing any payment to be nondeductible by the Company because of Section 280G of the Code.
- (ii) If the Auditors determine that any payment under this Section 9(d) would be nondeductible by the Company because of Section 280G of the Code, then the Company shall promptly give the Executive notice to that effect and a copy of the detailed calculation thereof and of the Reduced Amount, and the Executive may then elect, in his sole discretion, which and how much of the payments shall be eliminated or reduced (as long as after such election the aggregate present value of the payments equals the Reduced Amount) and shall advise the Company in writing of his election within ten days of receipt of notice. If no such election is made by the Executive within such tenday period, then the Company may elect which and how much of the payments under this Section 9(d) shall be eliminated or reduced (as long as after such election the aggregate present value of the payments equals the Reduced Amount) and shall notify the Executive promptly of such election. All determinations made by the Auditors under this Section 9(d) shall be binding upon the Company and the Executive and shall be made within 60 days of the date when a payment becomes payable.
- (iii) As a result of uncertainty in the application of Section 280G of the Code at the time of an initial determination by the Auditors hereunder, it is possible that payments will have been made by the Company that should not have been made (an "Overpayment") or that additional payments that will not have been made by the Company could have been made (an "Underpayment"), consistent in each case with the calculation of the Reduced Amount hereunder. In the event that the Auditors, based upon the assertion of a deficiency by the Internal Revenue Service against the Company or the Executive that the Auditors believe has a high probability of success, determine that an Overpayment has been made, such Overpayment shall be treated for all purposes as a loan to the Executive which he or she shall repay to the Company, together with interest at the applicable federal rate provided in Section 7872(f)(2) of the Code; provided, however, that no amount shall be payable by the Executive to the Company if and to the extent that such payment would not reduce the amount subject to taxation under Section 4999 of the Code. In the

event that the Auditors determine that an Underpayment has occurred, such Underpayment shall promptly be paid or transferred by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive, together with interest at the applicable federal rate provided in Section 7872(f)(2) of the Code.

- 10. Covenants of Executive. The Executive acknowledges that: (i) the business of the Company and its affiliates, as currently conducted and as conducted from time to time throughout the term of this Agreement (collectively, the "Business"), is conducted by and is proposed to be conducted by the Company on a world-wide basis (the "Company's Market"); (ii) the Business involves providing design, engineering and manufacture of certain vacuum and heat transfer equipment, including but not limited to steam condensers, steam jet ejectors, shell and tube heat exchangers, plate and frame heat exchangers, Heliflow heat exchangers, liquid ring vacuum pumps and rotary piston pumps; (iii) the Company has developed trade secrets and confidential information concerning the Business; and (iv) the agreements and covenants contained in this Section 10 are essential to protect the Business. In order to induce the Company to enter into this Employment Agreement, the Executive covenants and agrees that:
- (a) Agreement Not To Compete. In the event that the Executive resigns (for reasons other than a material breach of this Agreement by the Company) or departs from the employ of the Company without the approval of the Board or is discharged for cause, then for a period of 18 months after such resignation, departure or discharge (such period of time hereinafter the "Restricted Period"), neither the Executive nor any entity of which 20 percent or more of the beneficial ownership is held by the Executive or a person related to the Executive by blood or marriage ("Controlled Entity") will, anywhere in the Company's Market, directly or indirectly own, manage, operate, control, invest or acquire an interest in, or otherwise engage or participate in, whether as a proprietor, partner, stockholder, director, officer, member manager, employee or otherwise any business which competes in the Company's Market with the Business, without the prior written consent of the Company. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Executive may make a passive investment in any publicly-traded company or entity in an amount not to exceed five percent of the voting stock of any such company or entity.
 - (b) Agreement Not To Interfere in Business Relationships.
- (i) During the Restricted Period, neither the Executive nor any Controlled Entity will directly or indirectly solicit, induce or influence any customer, or any other person which has a business relationship with the Company or any affiliate, or which had on the date of this Agreement such a relationship with the Company or any affiliate, to discontinue or reduce the extent of such relationship with the Company or any affiliate in the Company's Market without the prior written consent of the Company.
- (ii) During the Restricted Period, neither the Executive nor any Controlled Entity will (1) directly or indirectly recruit, solicit or otherwise induce or influence any stockholder or employee of the Company or any of its affiliates to discontinue such employment or other relationship with the Company or any affiliate without the prior written consent of the Company, or (2) employ or seek to employ, or cause any business which competes in the Company's Markets to employ or seek to employ for any reason, any person who is then (or was at any time within six months prior to the date the Executive or such business employs or seeks to employ such person) employed by the Company or any affiliate without the prior written consent of the Company.

Nothing herein shall prevent the Executive from providing a letter of recommendation to an Employee with respect to a future employment opportunity.

- (c) Confidentiality. During the Restricted Period, neither the Executive nor any Controlled Entity will directly or indirectly disclose to anyone, or use or otherwise exploit for the Executive's or any Controlled Entity's own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the Company, any confidential information, including, without limitation, any confidential "know-how", trade secrets, customer lists, details of customer contracts, pricing policies, operational methods, marketing plans or strategies, product development techniques or plans, business acquisition plans and new personnel acquisition plans of the Company or any affiliate related to the Business or any portion or phase of any scientific, engineering or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, improvement, discovery, invention, machinery or device of the Company or any affiliate, whether or not in written or tangible form (all of the preceding is hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). The term "Confidential Information" does not include, and there shall be no obligation hereunder with respect to, information that becomes generally available to the public or the Company's competitors other than as a result of a disclosure by the Executive or a Controlled Entity or any agent or other representative thereof. Neither the Executive nor any Controlled Entity shall have any obligation hereunder to keep confidential any Confidential Information to the extent disclosure is required by law, or determined in good faith by the Executive to be necessary or appropriate to comply with any legal or regulatory order, regulation or requirement; provided, however, that in the event disclosure is required by law, the Executive or the Controlled Entity concerned shall provide the Company with prompt advance notice of such requirement so that the Company may seek an appropriate protective order. It is understood that in any new employment, the Executive may use his ordinary skill and non-confidential knowledge, even though said skill
- (d) Intellectual Property. The Executive shall communicate to the Company full information concerning all inventions, improvements, discoveries, formulas, processes, systems of organization, management procedures, software or computer applications (hereinafter, collectively, "Intellectual Property") made or conceived by him either solely or jointly with others while in the employ of the Company, whether or not perfected during his period of employment and which shall be within the existing or contemplated scope of the Company's business during his employment. The Executive will assist the Company and its nominees in every way at the Company's expense in obtaining patents for such Intellectual Property as may be patentable in any and all countries and the Executive will execute all papers the Company may desire and assignments thereof to the Company or its nominees and said Intellectual Property shall be and remain the property of the Company and its nominees, if any, whether patented or not or assigned
- (e) Survival of Covenants. In the event of a termination of this Agreement, the covenants and agreements contained in this Section 10 shall survive, shall continue thereafter, and shall not expire unless and except as expressly set forth in this Section.
- (f) Remedies. The parties to this Agreement agree that (a) if either the Executive or any Controlled Entity breaches any provision of this Section 10, the damage to the Company and

its affiliates will be substantial, although difficult to ascertain, and money damages will not afford an adequate remedy, and (b) if either the Executive or any Controlled Entity is in breach of this Agreement, or threatens a breach of this Agreement, the Company shall be entitled in its own right and/or on behalf of one or more of its affiliates, in addition to all other rights and remedies as may be available at law or in equity, to (i) injunctive and other equitable relief to prevent or restrain a breach of this Agreement and (ii) may require the breaching party to pay damages as the result of any transactions constituting a breach hereof.

- 11. <u>Indemnification of Executive</u>. In the event the Employment is terminated for any reason, (a) the Company will hold harmless and indemnify the Executive for all acts or omissions and for any suits it has at law or in equity, claims, actions or other proceedings against the Executive initiated either prior to the termination of employment or thereafter which relate to duties performed in good faith by the Executive while employed by the Company; and (b) the Company will retain the Executive as named insured under any directors' and officers' insurance policies it may have, for acts of the Executive during the time he served as an officer of the Company. Additionally, all legal and other costs incurred by the Executive to defend himself will be paid by the Company, as the Executive is billed for such costs, within ten days of periodic submission to the Company of statements of charges of attorneys and statements of other expenses incurred by the Executive in connection with such defense.
- 12. Effect of Waiver. The waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach thereof.
- 13. Notice. Any and all notices provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be physically delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested to the parties at their respective addresses set forth hereinabove. Either party may from time to time designate a different address for notices to be sent to such party by giving the other party due notice of such different address.
- 14. <u>Validity</u>. If any part of this Agreement shall be found to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall be deemed to be severable and the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15. <u>Modification and Assignment</u>. This Agreement shall not be modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto. This Agreement and all of its terms and conditions shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, including but not limited to any corporation or other entity with or into which the Company is merged or consolidated or any other successor of the Company. The Executive agrees that he will not and may not assign, transfer or convey, pledge or encumber this Agreement or his right, title or interest therein, or his power to execute the same or any monies due or to become due hereunder, this Agreement being intended to secure the personal services of the Executive, and the Company shall not recognize any such assignment, transfer, conveyance, pledge or encumbrance.
- 16. <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof. Any action or proceeding brought by

either party against the other arising out of or related to the Agreement shall be brought only in a state court of competent jurisdiction located in the County of Monroe, State of New York or the Federal District Court for the Western District of New York located in Monroe County, New York and the parties hereby consent to the personal jurisdiction and venue of said courts.

- 17. <u>Prior Agreements</u>. This Agreement shall supersede any prior employment agreement between the Company and the Executive, including but not limited to the Prior Agreement, and shall be effective from the date specified hereinabove.
- 18. <u>Business Combinations</u>. In the event of any sale, merger or any form of business combination affecting the Company, including without limitation the purchase of assets or any other form of business combination, the Company will obtain the express written assumption of this Agreement by the acquiring or surviving entity from such combination, and failure of the Company to obtain such an assumption will constitute a breach of this Agreement, entitling the Executive to all payments and other benefits to be provided in the event of termination without cause provided in Section 9(c).
- 19. Section 409A. This Agreement is intended to comply with Section 409A of the Code to the extent its provisions are subject to that law. The parties agree that they will negotiate in good faith regarding amendments necessary to bring this Agreement into compliance with the terms of that Section or an exemption therefrom as interpreted by guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service, taking into account any limitations on amendments imposed by Section 409A or Internal Revenue Service guidance. The parties further agree that to the extent the terms of this Agreement fail to qualify for exemption from or satisfy the requirements of Section 409A, this Agreement may be operated in compliance with Section 409A pending amendment to the extent authorized by the Internal Revenue Service. In such circumstances the Company and the Executive will administer the Agreement in a manner which adheres as closely as possible to the existing terms and intent of the Agreement while complying with Section 409A.
- 20. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered in the interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 21. <u>Invalidity or Unenforceability</u>. If any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision hereof and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if such invalid or unenforceable term or provision (to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability) had not been contained herein. If any court determines that any provision of Section 10 hereof is unenforceable because of the duration or geographic scope of such provision, such court shall have the power to reduce the scope or duration of such provision, as the case may be, and, in its reduced form, such provision shall then be enforceable.
 - 22. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which for all purposes shall be deemed to be an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

GRAHAM CORPORATION

	Name: J. Ronald Hansen Title: Vice President - Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
	James R. Lines
person resides in, that said person is the Vice Pre-	sen, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn did depose and say that the above-named sident — Finance and Administration and the Chief Financial Officer of Graham nent; and that the above-named person signed thereto by order of the Board of Directors of
	Notary Public
	lotary Public in and for said State, personally appeared James R. Lines, personally known to name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.
	Notary Public
[Signature Page to the Employment Agreement of James R. Lines]	