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GW Plastics Increases In-House Tooling Capabilities

Leading Contract Manufacturer Expands U.S. Mold-Building Facility and Adds Metal 3D Printing Equipment

Bethel, VT – In response to growing customer demand in its global medical device and drug delivery business, Vermont-based advanced manufacturer GW Plastics has expanded and upgraded their tooling facility in Vermont with additive manufacturing technology. The company has renovated and enhanced their state-of-the-art tooling facility in Royalton, Vermont, and purchased advanced metal 3D printing equipment to build precision mold components.

GW Plastics has invested in metal 3D printing technology for conformal cooling to improve cycle times – in some cases up to 30% – as well as component quality and design flexibility. “This additive manufacturing technology streamlines tool design, reducing the components needed to build a mold and the overall investment our customers need to make,” said Timothy Holmes, GW Plastics VP of Engineering. “We are proud to offer this level of technology to our customers to ensure their products are being manufactured in the best mold possible.” GW is one of only a handful of precision mold builders that have invested in this technology. GW has invested over \$2M in its Royalton mold-building facility in the last 12 months to support its R&D and expansion efforts.

This announcement comes months after GW’s purchase of Avenue Mould Solutions, an Ireland-based premier precision mold-building, machining, and injection molding company. This acquisition gives GW Plastics a unique industry position with precision mold-building facilities in North America, Asia, and Europe, in addition to injection molding and contract manufacturing. GW Plastics now ranks as one of the plastic industry’s largest manufacturers of precision molds.

“More importantly than just having advanced tooling capability, GW Plastics now has the global *capacity* to handle large-scale programs, including ultra-high-cavitation, multi-component, and silicone mold-building for our multi-national customers,” said Brenan Riehl, GW Plastics President and CEO. “With recent expansions of our tooling facilities in the U.S. and China and the acquisition of Avenue Mould Solutions in Ireland, GW Plastics now has both the expertise and infrastructure to give our customers the peace of mind that we can support their complex programs on three continents.”

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Founded in 1955, GW Plastics has earned a reputation as an industry leader in precision tooling, injection molding, and contract manufacturing serving the world's most successful companies in the healthcare, automotive safety-critical, and consumer/industrial markets. Specializing in complex injection molded thermoplastic and silicone solutions, GW Plastics excels at close tolerance mold building, precision injection molding, and contract manufacturing. With leading-edge technologies, a Six Sigma quality commitment, and a relentless pursuit of innovation, GW Plastics continues to attract and partner with market leaders who seek consistency of ownership, financial stability, professional leadership, business integrity, a high-tech standardized global manufacturing platform, and a highly-trained and experienced workforce. Headquartered in Bethel, Vermont, the company's standardized ISO 9001, ISO 13485, ISO/TS 16949, and FDA-registered, 21 CFR Part 820 compliant manufacturing facilities are located in Bethel and Royalton, Vermont; San Antonio, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; Querétaro, Mexico; and Dongguan, China and Sligo, Ireland. GW is a Plastics News Processor of the Year and Sustained Excellence award winner.

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