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Mack Molding Has a New President

Jeff Somple, previously president of Mack Molding's Northern Division is taking a step up. Effective immediately, Somple is president of Arlington, Vt.-based Mack Molding.

“Jeff took over the helm of our northern division in 2002 and has delivered sustainable, profitable growth ever since,” said Don Kendall, CEO and chairman of the privately held Mack Group. “That has been particularly challenging in the face of the Great Recession, financial market chaos, massive job loss throughout the country, and a tepid economic recovery. For Mack, this time period also reflected a significant loss of sales from the computer and business equipment sector to overseas low-cost labor; diversification of our markets with a major thrust toward medical device manufacturing; grass-roots development of a full-service machining center; and the acquisition of an engineering services company to enhance upfront design capabilities. Jeff has demonstrated strong, confident leadership throughout each of these challenges. I am extremely pleased he has chosen to accept this one as well.”

As president of Mack Molding, Somple will be responsible for its northern and southern divisions, including five manufacturing facilities in Vermont, North Carolina and South Carolina; Mack Prototype, a prototyping and low-volume manufacturing facility in Massachusetts; and Synectic, an engineering services group in Connecticut.

Kendall will remain as CEO and chairman of Mack Group, which includes Mack Molding and Mack Technologies.

Somple has been with Mack since 1988, when he joined the sales department. He moved quickly up the ranks to vice president, sales/engineering, and then president, Northern Division. Earlier, Somple was northeast regional sales manager for five years for Continental Extrusion Corporation, an extruder, printer and converter of plastic packaging in Garden City, N.Y. He also owned and operated his own restaurant in Black Rock, Ct.

Somple holds a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vt.

Mack Molding is a custom plastics molder and supplier of contract manufacturing services. Mack specializes in plastics design, prototyping, molding, sheet metal fabrication, full-service machining and medical device manufacturing. Founded in 1920, Mack operates 11 facilities throughout the world.