



## Mack Moulding Co. launches MackMedical

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ARLINGTON — Mack Molding Co. announced recently the formation of its medical products group, which the company is branding MackMedical.

"We have been aggressively developing the medical manufacturing sector of our business for the past nine years by refining quality and supply management systems, hiring specialized staff, and adding new technology," said Jeff Somple, president of Mack Molding's Northern Division. "As a result, the medical market now represents a full 30 percent of our business, including several Class III medical devices, surgical equipment, and disposables for the orthopedic market. After this significant investment of time and resources, we now have all the markers in place to legitimately call ourselves MackMedical."

Located at Mack's headquarters in Arlington, MackMedical is a focused group of staff — product development, program management, quality, regulatory, document control, purchasing, sales and production — that is skilled in medical manufacturing. They manage all medical accounts, from upfront engineering through final manufacturing and distribution.

"This is an engineering-intensive team with a medical manufacturing culture that understands the industry," Kevin Bradley, business unit director, said. "The customer doesn't have to spend time

bringing us up to speed on the stringent requirements of this market."

More than a molder

While rooted in plastic injection molding since its inception in 1920, Mack has long since been more than a molder. Vertically integrated into a number of other core competencies, Mack offers design, prototyping, metal fabrication, full product assembly and direct order fulfillment. Specifically for medical customers, the company has also recently added product refurbishment, complaint investigation, and obsolescence management.

"We have developed a robust medical products group within Mack Molding that represents a rapidly growing segment of our overall business," Somple said. "Medical manufacturing will grow to 50 percent of our business in the near future, as we anticipate adding large-part clean room molding and other medical design services."

"We have demonstrated to the medical market that we're in this business to stay," Somple said. "Which is particularly important during this period of economic uncertainty. Given the length of the medical product development cycle, it's critical for OEMs to deal with contract manufacturers that have the financial and staff bandwidth to stay the course. Mack remains debt-free and financially strong. And we continue to make investments in people, equipment and technologies that will collectively keep us and our customers moving forward together."

The company's headquarters plant has been ISO 13485 certified for medical device production for several years. Just this month, its prototyping division (Mack Prototype, Inc., Gardner, Mass.) earned ISO 13485 certification as well.

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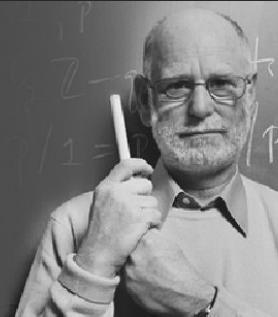
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