

Rich Hornby promoted to top operations role at Mack

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Rich Hornby will combine the logistical skills he learned as a military officer with his medical sales/engineering background in his new role as plant manager of Mack Molding's headquarters plant in Arlington, Vt., it was announced today by Jeff Somple, president, Northern Division. Formerly a program manager in the orthopedics and disposable medical devices business unit at Mack, he originally joined the company in 2011.

"Rich has gained valuable experience in sales and engineering, while managing multiple complex programs and customers," says Somple. "While in the Air Force, he earned several awards and supervised over 500 people while handling large logistics and production projects, including leading over 100 combat convoys. Rich has demonstrated confident leadership and precision organization at every step in his career, all of which will complement his natural enthusiasm and passion for excellence. It is particularly rewarding to recognize the skills and experiences he acquired through his dedicated and selfless service to our country."

Prior to Mack, Hornby was program manager for Millstone Medical Outsourcing (Fall River, Mass.), where he was responsible for medical device engineering validation services, mechanical inspection, clean room and non-sterile packaging, field inventory audits and distribution services.

During his 12-year career in the Air Force, Hornby carried out assignments in the U.S., Germany and Afghanistan. He left the military with the rank of Major, and continues to serve in the Air Force Reserves.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Hornby earned an MBA from the Pennsylvania State University (State College, Pa.). He is also a Certified Six Sigma Green Belt from Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.). Today, Hornby calls Dorset, Vt., home, where he lives with his wife, Annemaria, and their three children – Michael, age 8; Elise, 3; and Catherine, 2. A collegiate hockey goalie, Hornby still pursues his passion on the rink, with an occasional game of golf thrown in during Vermont's short summers.