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Large custom molders are expanding, creating ways to add value to by being bigger, more focused in certain markets, and specializing. Mack Molding, a custom injection molding company, is the perfect example of "more than just a molder," announcing yesterday (July 13) the formation of its medical products group, which the company is branding MackMedical. [...Read more](#)

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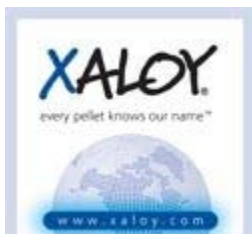
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Mack Molding Co. launches MackMedical

By Clare Goldsberry

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[Mack Molding Co.](#) announced yesterday (July 13, 2009) 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,” says Jeff Somple, president of Mach Molding’s Northern Division. “As a result, the medical market now represents a full 30% 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 markets in place to legitimately call ourselves MackMedical.”

Located at Mack’s headquarters in Arlington, Vt., 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 up-front through final manufacturing and distribution. “This is an engineering-intensive team with a medical manufacturing culture that understand the industry,” explains Kevin Bradley, business unit director. “The customer doesn’t have to spend time bringing us up to speed on the stringent requirements of this market.”

Mack has long been more than a molder by vertically integrating into a number of core competencies that include 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, notes the company’s information. The company has been ISO 13485 certified for medical device production for several years. Just this month, its prototyping division (Mack Prototype Inc.; Gardner, MA) earned ISO 13485 certification as well.

“We have developed a robust medical products group within Mack Molding that represents a rapidly growing segment of our overall business,” adds Somple. “Medical manufacturing will grow to 50 percent of our business in the near future,

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as we anticipate adding large-part cleanroom molding and other medical design services.”

Sample adds that Mack Molding has demonstrated to the medical market that the company is serious about its commitment to that market segment, and is strong financially as well as in terms of staff and capabilities. “Mack remains debt free, and we continue to make investments in people, equipment, and technologies that will collectively keep us and our customers moving forward together,” he concluded. —clare.goldsberry@cancom.com

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