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FREEMAN MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY ACQUIRES MF COMPOSITES

Deal Creates The Largest Tooling Materials Distributor In The US And Canada

AVON, Ohio—August 6, 2007—This week, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company announced the acquisition of MF Composites, Inc, a distribution company based in St. Laurent, Quebec, forming what is now the largest distributor of urethane and epoxy tooling materials in both the US and Canada.

Founded in 1976 as Montreal Fiberglass, MF Composites rapidly grew to become one of Canada's principal distributors of urethane and epoxy liquid resins and tooling boards—all materials used in the initial design, prototype, and tooling stages of automotive and aerospace development. Also, along with its proprietary MiaPoxy® branded products, MF Composites is one of Canada's key suppliers of fiberglass, carbon fiber, specialty adhesives, and vacuum bagging supplies, all major components used in modern aerospace and marine manufacturing.

"We are tremendously excited, not only at the opportunity to expand geographically with our common products, but also to introduce new products and expertise to both the US and Canadian markets. There is so much we can learn from each other, both technically and operationally, that this is a classic example of the whole adding up to much more than its parts. We can now play a much larger role in moving the industry forward," said Matthew Turco, vice president of Freeman.

Starting as a foundry patternshop in Maumee, Ohio in 1902, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company has evolved from reselling foundry supplies to local patternshops to becoming one of the world's top manufacturers and distributors of what is referred to as soft tooling materials—consisting of urethane, epoxy, wax, or silicone, as opposed to hard metal tooling. Now headquartered in Avon, Ohio, Freeman continues to be a worldwide leader in specialty wax, urethane, and polyester manufacturing with its Repro®, Tuf-Fil®, and Freeman FlakesTM lines. And as a principal partner with Huntsman Advanced Materials, the largest worldwide tooling materials manufacturer, Freeman maintains the industry's largest distribution channel for it and dozens of other lines with ten locations throughout the US and Canada.

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