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FREEMAN MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY ACQUIRES MARCO DIE SUPPLIES INC. Deal Creates The Largest Steel Rule Die Supplies Distributor In The US And Canada

AVON, Ohio—October 1, 2018—This week, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company announced the acquisition of Marco Die Supplies Inc., a distribution company based in Mt. Washington, KY and Elmhurst, IL, forming what is now the largest distributor of specialty plywoods and other materials for steel rule die manufacturers and packaging converters.

Marco Wood Products was founded in 1972, when Cletus Martin Jr. and his father brought decades of wood and veneer knowledge dating back to WWII to the rapidly growing rotary dieboard industry. In 1997, his sons decided to merge the company with Jim Cincinello's Performance Enterprises Inc., thus enabling the business to grow to become the leader in selection, service and quality.

Freeman will immediately assume the four existing stocking locations of Marco in Mt. Washington (KY), Elmhurst (IL), Tucker (GA), and High Point (NC), while beginning to integrate the expanded lines of die supplies into its other twelve warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

“While we are tremendously excited at the opportunity to expand our product offering and better serve this market, we are even more excited about Ed, John, Steve, Jimmy, and the whole Marco crew coming on board with our company. With their legendary customer service, years of diemaking knowledge, and history of bringing innovative solutions to the industry, we are now poised to help North American diemakers and converters more than ever,” said Matthew Turco, President of Freeman.

Starting as a foundry patternshop in Maumee, Ohio in 1902, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company has evolved from reselling supplies to other 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, wood, or silicone (as opposed to hard metal tooling). Now headquartered in Avon, Ohio, Freeman continues to be a global leader in manufacturing specialty waxes and polyurethanes as well as North America's largest industry supplier of tooling materials and die supplies with sixteen warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

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