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Metal Injection Molding Capacity Doubled At Phillips Plastics Corporation®

Menomonie, Wisconsin – Phillips Plastics Corporation recently invested \$2.6 million in a new Elinor Metal Injection Molding (MIM) furnace to provide increased capacity, especially to high volume customers in need of several million parts per year. The German manufactured furnace, with continuous debind and sintering capabilities, is at the height of MIM technology combining both processes in one furnace. The furnace takes up nearly 1,800 square feet of floor space and is capable of processing approximately 70 pounds of MIM parts per hour with a maximum operating temperature of 1450° C (2640°F). As explained by Tony Pelke, Engineering Manager for MIM, “This new furnace will double the existing capacity for production at Phillips and includes state of the art control systems that will provide unprecedented quality and repeatability.” The new furnace is expected to be ready for production by April 2008.

About Phillips Plastics

Phillips Plastics Corporation is a forty-three year-old custom injection molder of plastic and metal with annual sales of over \$250 million. The Company employs 1,600 people in 15 locations throughout the United States, occupying over 620,000 square feet, including design centers in Wisconsin and California, and provides complete services from concept design, rapid prototyping, and tooling through production, assembly, packaging and distribution to virtually every market. www.phillipsplastics.com

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