

Press Release
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Dedicated SuperCELL Manufacturing
for PET blow molds in Poland

Wentworth Mold Inc. announces their new high tech. manufacturing SuperCELL for PET shell blow molds in Poniatowa, Poland. The operation has been running successfully since January 2004 and is equipped with the latest CNC 5-axis machining centers and CNC lathes. The SuperCELL is dedicated to manufacturing for PET quick-change (or shell) blow molds and is supported 24/7 therefore providing guaranteed capacity. The SuperCELL is staffed with experienced mold designers, CNC machinists, toolmakers and mold inspection, conforming to Wentworth's ISO 9001 quality procedures.

In the first few months of operation the facility has been self-sufficient with local business in Eastern and Western Europe. Recently the operation has supported the other four blow-mold manufacturing facilities elsewhere in North America to provide fast deliveries to customers in the USA and Mexico. A good example was delivery of a set of 17 shell molds in less than 5 weeks for a major PET convertor of CSD beverage bottles in Mexico. Additionally, Wentworth also supported the start-up of this project with service technicians to help optimize the processing conditions.

Charles Carey, Senior VP, of the Packaging Mold Group at Wentworth Mold Inc. commented, "This is a significant investment for us and highlights the benefits of lean manufacturing operations in a very demanding market. Customers are seeking faster deliveries, sometimes guaranteed, to get new PET bottles to market. Through the experience we have built up with our Fast-to-Market® programs for unit cavity PET blow molds and preform stacks, we have now successfully translated this into the manufacture of production mold sets. We plan to continue with future investment of SuperCELL operations in Poland and elsewhere in the world, enabling Wentworth to offer the best value in all key regions, globally. Ultimately, the SuperCELL and our Fast-to-Market® program are prime examples of Wentworth's commitment to Lean Manufacturing."

The Packaging Mold Group consists of Wentworth Mold Inc., Electra Form Industries Inc. and Jersey Mold Inc., and is a division of Wentworth Technologies Co. Ltd., the # 1 independent manufacturer and global leader in mold-making and related plastics processing to the packaging industry. The Wentworth Packaging Mold Group supplies PET preform injection molds from single cavity FTM® stacks to 144 cavity Micropitch production molds and blow mold tooling for all types of machines for PET, EBM, IBM & ISBM applications. Wentworth Technologies is recognized as the Best Value Supplier in its niche markets.

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