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R&D/ LEVERAGE HEIGHTENS INVESTMENT IN MEDICAL AND SILICONE MOLD MANUFACTURING

*Engineering, design, mold-making, predictive analysis and process development –
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LEE’S SUMMIT, Missouri October, 2009 – R&D/Leverage’s enhanced medical and silicone mold manufacturing capabilities – seamlessly integrated under one roof – continue to expand in anticipation of further industry acceleration, according to David Wescoat, the company’s Vice President – Engineering.

According to Wescoat, the company’s ongoing investment includes the addition of technical and engineering staff, new lean initiatives and quality-control protocols and world-class analysis and process development techniques. The result is a one-stop supplier capability that helps customers create the superior end-products for the world’s health care and pharma professionals.

“Medical molds, such as those used in high-volume disposable products, are complex, high cavitation items that require ultra-precise tolerances and uncompromising quality,” said Wescoat. “R&D/Leverage, today, offers an unsurpassed suite of services that provide world-class mold manufacturing for this demanding industry.

“Also,” he said, “when required we have the capability to assist our customers with processing and molding for short-run capacity issues that arise from time to time.”

R&D/Leverage’s suite of mold manufacturing assets includes a diverse group of tool makers, mold designers, project- and mechanical engineers all with access to our validation molding labs, clean rooms and analysis services that mathematically model thermal characteristics, mold deformation and stress, mold-flow and more, Wescoat said.

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In addition, the company also now offers mold building for liquid silicone products, where ultra-fine tolerances and the ultimate in flexibility and temperature range integrity are required.

“Our medical mold manufacturing and silicone capabilities represent a significant investment in time and resources,” Wescoat said. “Here is an on-campus cross-functional mold manufacturing team structured to help customers– all with the power of the combined strength and experience that supports our on-going industrial design and consumer and retail audits with Leverage - along with our custom mold manufacturing in other markets – we are truly a full service Integrated Solutions provider.”

ABOUT THE R&D/LEVERAGE

R&D, Integrated Solutions in Plastics, is recognized as one of the world’s leading suppliers of tooling for the food, beverage, home, personal care and healthcare industries. With offices in the United States and in the United Kingdom, R&D is a full-service plastic product solutions company. From idea, to tooling, to manufacturing, the company’s packaging solutions support the branded product. Services include full mold manufacturing for PET tooling, IBM tooling, injection molds and a full range of support functions that include sampling analysis, mold maintenance, contract molding and processing assistance.

Leverage, Integrated Industrial Design, is R&D’s full service consumer packaging design component, located in a separate facility within the R&D campus. Leverage’s four-pronged range of services includes upfront research (retail audits, trend and color study, ethnographic research, consumer brainstorming); concept development (story boards, feasibility studies, digital prototyping, graphic design and branding); validation (online design, model making) and implementation (prototype molds, mold sampling and low-volume production).

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