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Mantaline Uncovers Cost-Saving Solution in Ohio

Manufacturer of Polymer Seal Consolidates Ohio Facilities in Mantua

MANTUA, OH (June, 2009) – Mantaline Corporation, an employee-owned company that designs and manufactures polymer based sealing products for the mid-volume segments of the transportation industry, is consolidating their Ohio facilities to one single location as part of their 2009 growth strategy. The company will be moving from their Aurora facility to their Mantua, Ohio headquarters.

“In the final analysis, our break-even scenario will be replaced by a highly sustainable and profitable footing,” said Tom Mlinar, Vice President of Business Development for Mantaline. “By the end of summer Mantaline will be in a stronger market position without the benefit of any increases from our existing portfolio or a lessening of the recession.”

The company has increased their capacity to grow the business without the need of incremental investment. “Our lean initiatives, started nearly eighteen months ago, are now beginning to pay back big dividends,” Mlinar explained.

A single facility will enable the company to optimize production costs, specifically overhead and indirect labor. Mantaline’s plan will permit the company to continue its award winning levels of customer service and keep processes intact without interruption, while accomplishing the consolidation. All relocated production equipment will be re-qualified to ensure there are no changes to the output quality of the products or disruption in the level of service.

Mantaline has contracted additional space in Mantua near its headquarters location to house some auxiliary operations and shipping. All essential extrusion and molding operations will now be under one roof, which will offer a big advantage in terms of process control and quality management.

Facility engineers have re-configured the Mantua facility to make the best use of the existing space. The consolidation creates the opportunity for further lean initiatives which will help minimize the effects of the ever-increasing raw material costs and purchased component costs. Mantaline’s new lean manufacturing operation achieves the levels of control essential for zero defects planning and execution. Mantaline’s customers will reap the benefits of shorter cycle times and Mantaline will be able to maintain profit margins and increase customer satisfaction.

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