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GW Plastics and ABA-PGT announce the formation of a global strategic alliance

Plastic Gear and Motion Transfer Solutions Now Available Worldwide Through GW Plastics / ABA-PGT Strategic Alliance

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GW Plastics and ABA-PGT announce the formation of a global strategic alliance for plastic gear systems and integrated motion transfer solutions. This will offer leading OEMs a world-wide provider of single-source solutions across a variety of markets including automotive, office equipment, appliance, healthcare and industrial.

We are delighted to form this alliance with ABA-PGT.” says GW Plastics President and CEO Brenan Riehl. “Working together, we bring a ‘best-in-class’ solution for gears and other motion transfer applications to the world stage.” ABA-PGT President Richard Wheeler is equally encouraged about the alliance. “We have successfully collaborated on projects with GW before and this alliance now allows us to expand our capabilities together to the next level.”

The alliance combines GW Plastics’ advanced global precision plastic injection molding, tooling and assembly capabilities at its six locations in the United States, Mexico and China with the world-class plastic gear application development, tooling and molding technology of ABA-PGT with facilities in Manchester and Vernon, Conn.

“Our customers have asked us to provide them with a greater level of support as they have established manufacturing locations around the world.” says Wheeler. “Working together with GW, we will support our customers near their own facilities, especially in developing regions such as Mexico and China.”

Riehl adds, “OEM’s have long recognized our advanced capability to provide precision molding solutions across a variety of processes and markets, and ABAPGT is recognized as a pioneer and world leader in precision gearing and motion transfer solutions. This alliance provides a natural extension of our capabilities to provide even greater full-service support to our customers.”





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Sample applications include door latch, power seat, and window lift controls for the automotive industry; drug delivery systems, surgical instruments and hospital equipment for the healthcare industry; residential and commercial irrigation systems; printers and copiers for the office equipment industry; and currency change devices.

Among its key advantages, the GW Plastics/ABA-PGT alliance will offer:

- Single point of responsibility for motion transfer systems including gear trains, housings and numerous manual and automated assembly capabilities
- Synergy of shared resources including application development, tooling and injection molding resulting in enhanced speed to market and cost competitive engineering-based solutions
- Combined mold making and molding capacity includes three mold making facilities in the USA and China with over 100 mold makers, eight molding facilities in the USA, Mexico, and China with over 200 molding machines.
- Combined resources and equipment capacity to support significant OEM consolidation initiatives with the capability to support large, complex programs.

About GW Plastics

GW Plastics, is a full service, high-precision injection molder, mold builder and contract manufacturer specializing in single source responsibility for medium-to-high volume, close-tolerance components and assemblies. Ranked among the top 100 molders in North America (NAFTA region), GW Plastics' leading edge technologies, total quality commitment and pursuit of innovation have driven its steady growth since the company was founded more than 50 years ago. The financially strong, closely held organization services a portfolio of Fortune 1000 customers in the Automotive, Healthcare and Consumer/Industrial markets. The company's facilities are located in Bethel and Royalton, Vermont; San Antonio, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; Querétaro, Mexico; and Dongguan, China.

About ABA-PGT

ABA-PGT is a world leader in plastic gear technology specializing in the production of precision molded components and injection molds for motion transfer systems. Strong engineering capabilities in gear train application development, tool design and design for manufacturability – coupled with in-house tool making, rapid prototyping and defect free production injection molding capabilities – have positioned the company as a full service technology leader. Markets served include medical, automotive, irrigation, consumer and industrial. Located in Connecticut, the company recently expanded its operations in Manchester, while continuing to operate an automated "lights out" facility in Vernon.





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