

MVS Closes MacLean Molded Products

MVS closed the MacLean Molded Products division and its Wheeling facility. Molded's core automotive business was sold to industry participant, Kurz-Kasch at the end of 2007. The Fiberlink business that Molded had with MPS was transitioned successfully to other MPS locations, and the cut out switch insulator business with S&C Electric was moved to Polymer Technologies in Whitewater, WI. I am pleased to report that the transition was handled professionally and with no customer interruption. Our core automotive customers are now engaging us on opportunities to serve their needs with parts that we can manufacture at Polymer.

Thanks to all the many people who worked tirelessly to make this transition a success. It is never pleasant closing a facility. The effort from the MacLean-Fogg teams was admirable. They made the very best of a challenging situation. I would specifically like to thank the MacLean Molded team for all that they did to make this a success. Without the efforts of Leonel Vargas, Rudy Flores, Sonia and Jesse Serna, Denise Zastrow and Bob Holmes to name only a few, this transition would not have happened. Thank you!

The closure of Molded will allow MVS to focus efforts on its core injection molding business at Polymer Technologies. We'll be able to better align the business with product areas within our core markets that show desired growth potential. Over the past year, we have worked to develop new areas of focus for this business, and have added to our customer base new domestic automotive companies as well as new non-automotive customers. Our team is energized by the opportunities that lie ahead. We're looking forward to developing the business as we move forward in 2008.



MacLean Molded in Wheeling, Illinois.