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Vaupell's 60th Anniversary

Leonard Vaupell founded Vaupell Industrial Plastics in June of 1947, with the express intention of providing plastics components to the growing airplane market. In 1948, Vaupell supplied the very first plastic parts to Boeing, and from that small beginning has grown to be a world leader in the molding and assembly of plastics components, using engineering resins for very challenging programs. From the early years of molding polyethylene and nylon, Vaupell Plastics developed the expertise to mold more advanced polymers like ABS and Polycarbonate, and ultimately expanded into high-heat materials such as Ultem, Radel, and PEEK. For some thirty years, Vaupell has been recognized as a primary supplier of highly cosmetic parts and assemblies to the aircraft industry. In 1998, Vaupell was acquired by HIG Capital, a leading private equity firm. This led in 2004 to the acquisition of the SciTech Plastics group. According to Joe Jahn, President/CEO of Vaupell, this gave the company an introduction to the medical arena, and provided a means to expand on new and exciting technologies. "We recognized that Seattle would remain our aerospace center of excellence, but the concentration of four medical plants in Massachusetts brought the opportunity to consolidate our medical expertise into one building. So during 2005, we transferred our activities into a new facility in Agawam, MA, and today we have a world-class operation, with molding and assembly in Class 7 and 8 Clean Rooms, among the largest in the Northeast. At the same time we recognized the great significance of our company in Constantine, MI, where we stand among a very select number of molders who make implant and resorbable materials. We are certified to ISO 13485:2003 in Constantine, and will achieve the same certification in Agawam in 2007." The Vaupell Group offers rapid prototyping, part and mold design, molding, secondary operations, precision machining, assembly, testing & qualification, automated inspection, packaging, kitting and fulfillment. Vaupell also has two proprietary businesses, Golston Product Solutions and AntiWave Pool Products, both housed in their plant in Sanger, TX. The latest addition to Vaupell's capabilities is a Joint Venture concluded in September 2006 with an established mold-making and molding company in Shenzhen, southern China. This continues Vaupell's 20-year program of sourcing tooling from the Pacific Rim countries, with the objective of expanding this China operation into a full-service plastics supplier for the aerospace and automotive markets in that region.