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## **Sumitomo Expands Services and Support for Western U.S.**

**Unprecedented growth in the Western U.S. designed to keep pace with growing demand for its all-electric technology.**

(Plastec West, Anaheim, CA)...Sumitomo Plastics Machinery announced today a range of recent additions that have been made to support the increased sales of its all-electric injection molding machines and growing West Coast customer base.

The most recent actions include:

- A new training and demo facility located in Corona, CA. This facility will house the SE75DU direct-drive all-electric injection molding machine on display in Sumitomo's booth at Plastec West. The machine is equipped with the N-9 PC-based control system, a Yushin RAII- $\alpha$  Series take-out robot and RJG Inc.'s digital cavity pressure sensor technology.
- The addition of Arizona Plastics Equipment as sales representation for Sumitomo in Arizona, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Clark County, Nevada, plus the Maquiladoras areas of Mexico starting in Mexicali and ending in Juarez. Arizona Plastics Equipment has offices in Scottsdale, Arizona and El Paso, Texas.

Other actions within the last nine months include:

- The promotion of Jim Mitchell to Vice President Sales, Western Region
- The addition of Richard Ford in Huntington Beach, CA, as a new Regional Manager for the Western Region
- The addition of Ruplinger Corp. to represent Sumitomo in Utah and Southeastern Idaho
- The addition of TA Grant Industries LLC to represent Sumitomo in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas (except El Paso) and Louisiana
- The addition of Equipment Resources Northwest, to represent Sumitomo in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Northern and Western Idaho

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“The new facility in Corona includes a 1,000 sq. ft. machine demo and training area, supplemented with a 500 sq. ft. training and meeting room. It is the result of a strategic alliance with one of our local rep agencies, Integrated Plastics Machinery, Inc,” said Jim Mitchell, Vice President Sales, Western Region. “Training classes will begin at the new facility in April, and we are finalizing plans for an Open House at the facility in mid-May.”

“To further expand our coverage of the Western U.S., Sumitomo has already begun the search process for adding a sales representative organization to cover Northern California and Northwestern Nevada. We are also planning to add another Regional Manager in the Chicago area in the next two months,” Mitchell said. “Our organization is going through a period of unprecedented growth, particularly in the Western U.S., and we’re very pleased to have added so many experienced and talented people to the Sumitomo team. The demand for Sumitomo’s all-electric technology is growing at a fast pace, and we’re growing right along with it.”

Sumitomo Plastics Machinery manufactures a wide range of all-electric injection molding machines for diverse applications. The Sumitomo all-electric platform spans from 7 to 600 metric tons, including micro to mid-sized, high-speed, high-duty, vertical, insert, multi-shot and disc molding machine series.

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