

Press Release
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Wentworth Technologies
Extends its Best Value - Low Cost Leadership
through Acquisition of Poland's Leading Injection
Mold Manufacturer

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, February 22, 2002, Wentworth Technologies, the World's No. 1 Independent Mold Manufacturer, acquired Poland's leading injection mold maker A. Trzaska Polflansz in Bydgoszcz. Polflansz was a private company managed by the Trzaska family since 1976. The company was ISO 9001 certified in 1994 and is known for its high quality and timely delivery of injection molds and injection-molded products. It exports 90% of its products to Germany, Sweden, Belgium, France, Israel, and Italy.



Wentworth acquired this second mold manufacturer in Poland because of strong customer demand and lack of capacity in the first plant in Poniatowa acquired three years ago. Based on the success of the first operation, Wentworth was repeatedly asked by our customers to establish more manufacturing capacity in the low cost environment in Central Europe. The acquisition of Polflansz, renamed Wentworth Tech Central Sp. Zo.o. is the next step in executing Wentworth's key strategy to continue as Global Best Value Supplier and Low Cost Leader in mold manufacturing.

Low Cost - High Quality

Bydgoszcz is the center for the Polish mold manufacturing industry and it is a major center for mold making in Central Europe. In recent years a number of West European companies have established mold manufacturing operations in Bydgoszcz and developed a pool of highly skilled mold makers that work according to international standards. Operating costs in Poland are similar to those in China's developed industrial areas, enabling Wentworth to service customers for whom the higher costs of products made in North America are prohibitive. Both manufacturing plants in Poland are low cost satellite operations that utilize Wentworth's North American technology. Polish personnel are

trained in our plants in the United States and Canada. The Polish operations are able to serve our North American and European, customers, globally.

Customer Service

To emphasize Wentworth's commitment to the global low cost leadership and global service, Wentworth has created the position of Vice President, Central Europe. Mr. Ark Wolos, former corporate Manager of Technical Resources, will lead our efforts in Central Europe and coordinate the sales and service efforts for North American customers. In addition, Mr. Ark Wolos will coordinate efforts to reduce Wentworth's manufacturing costs by placing some of the production in low cost Poland. Mr. Wolos is familiar with Central Europe and speaks English, Polish and Russian.

With the acquisition of Wentworth's Tech Central, Wentworth now operates two (2) mold-manufacturing companies in Poland:

1. Wentworth Tech Central, Bydgoszcz

- Injection molds up to 7.5 tons
- Components
- Contract injection molding
- Service

2. Wentworth Tech, Poniatowa

- Blow molds
- Standard components
- Metal Stamping tooling up to ten (10) tons
- Service

Wentworth Technologies

Wentworth Technologies is a world leader in contract plastics processing and advanced mold technologies, passionately focused on driving customer success. Wentworth offers:

Best Value - fast deliveries, customer-focused service, competitive pricing, and industry-leading technology make Wentworth your best value supplier of molds and contract plastic processing.

Fast to Market™ Services - Wentworth's Fast to Market™ process streamlines development, lowers costs, and gets your product on the market fastest.

Global Service and Local Support - Wentworth's seventeen (17) Mold Manufacturing and four (4) Contract Plastic Processing facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia provide an extensive service network.

Full Range Of Products And Services - Wentworth provides advanced mold technology and servicing for many mold technologies and any equipment, anywhere in the world.

World-leading Mold and Processing Technologies - Wentworth is the world's No. 1 independent manufacturer of PET and extrusion blow molds, No. 2 independent manufacturer of PET perform molds, No. 1 independent manufacturer of media packaging molds, and No. 1 independent contract manufacturer of plastic lids for drink and food containers.

Wentworth Technologies continuously acquires high quality businesses in Mold Manufacturing and Contract Plastics Processing that do not compete with our mold customers.