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### **MedPlast Adds to its Facilities in Arizona and New Jersey**

MedPlast Inc. has expanded its operations in two states.

The Tempe, Ariz.-based contract manufacturer has expanded its mold manufacturing facility in West Berlin, N.J., to accommodate new equipment. The facility, which specializes in complex molds for the medical and industrial markets, has a new suite for two-shot molding that features high-speed CNC machining centers and electric discharge machines with robotic tool-changing capabilities. MedPlast invested \$1.5 million to upgrade and redesign the New Jersey tool shop, according to company executives. The upgrade, executives noted, will allow the facility to shorten lead times on tooling, increase throughput and hold tighter tolerances.

MedPlast also rebuilt its headquarters in Tempe to add a 20,000-square-foot clean room and a 20,000-square-foot white room. Executives said the facelift was completed to help the company expand its array of services to the medical device industry. MedPlast conducts about 70 percent of its business with medical device customers, focusing largely on companies that manufacture surgical instruments and diagnostic devices.

Formed last year from the acquisitions of Applied Tech Products of Wayne, Pa., and K&W Medical Specialties of Westfield, Pa., MedPlast manufactures precision molded plastic and rubber components to the healthcare and commercial markets. It operates five plants that contain more than 200 rubber and plastics molding machines. Its plants in Arizona and New Jersey produce trocars, staplers, autosutures and other handheld single-use devices, as well as medicinal applicators and handheld diagnostic equipment for the women's health market.