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Centro Doubles North Carolina Plant

North Liberty, IA - Centro Incorporated, the largest custom rotational molder in North America, has invested over \$2.5 million in its Claremont, North Carolina plant by adding 30 new jobs and more than 50,000 square feet of manufacturing space. The addition doubles the existing size of the plant to over 100,000 square feet and brings the total number of people employed at the North Carolina facility to 200. This expansion is phase 2 of the original 3-phase site plan that was proposed when the facility was established in 1999.

Two rotational molding machines have been added to the North Carolina facility. A Ferry 220 and 280 have been installed, which will increase the total number of molding machine centers to seven. The additional machines, as well as the added square footage will help accommodate the increased demand and new business in the region. Centro Inc.'s North Carolina's end markets include tanks, utility truck beds, lawn and garden parts and construction and agricultural equipment components. This diversification has been key to North Carolina's growth.



"Due to the size of our products, we know that it is very important to the growth of our customers, that we manufacture their products in the geographic area that they are going to sell it," says Centro President, Brian Olesen. "We are committed to growing geographically so that we have capacity where our customers need it."

Earlier this year, Centro Inc.'s North Carolina plant's Management System was registered to ISO 9001-2000. They join Centro's North Liberty, IA and Horicon, WI, Management System's that are also ISO registered.

Centro, Inc. has been one of the technology leaders in custom engineered rotational molding for 34 years. Centro, Inc. operates five manufacturing facilities located throughout the Midwest and Southeastern United States employing over 650 associates.

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