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IDI Enhances SMC Line



IDI Composites International announces a significant enhancement to the company's Noblesville, Indiana sheet molding compound (SMC) production line. The company has implemented a major equipment upgrade, installing new automated machine controls and a Human-Machine Interface (HMI) that enables highly efficient and accurate manufacturing processes. With this upgrade, IDI will increase throughput in its SMC line while automatically ensuring accurate material measurements for their custom SMC formulations. The computer-controlled system reduces the opportunity for operator error through a completely new intuitive operator interface. IDI has also upgraded an automated in-line metering system that ensures a constant and proper ratio between the three key ingredients of SMC material — base, chemical thickener, and pigment — creating a consistent mix. [Click here](#) for more information on IDI's SMC formulations.

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IDI Welcomes New SMC Operations Manager

In other news, IDI has announced the appointment of Chris Templin to the position of SMC Operations Manager. Chris will be responsible for all aspects of sheet molding compound (SMC) production, and will coordinate customer requirements and manufacturing schedules to ensure the highest levels of efficiency, throughput, and customer satisfaction. Chris will develop and implement preventative and predictive production line maintenance processes, product and process quality control initiatives, and employee selection, development, and training. He will also oversee all raw material supply acquisitions to reduce total production costs, which will ultimately result in lower costs for IDI's global customer base. Previously, Chris was an engineer at IDI, managing the installation of new inventory tracking systems. [Click here](#) for more information.



IDI Receives ISO 14001:2004 Certification



IDI has recently received ISO 14001:2004 certification from the International Standards Organization (ISO). This certification, also known as the Environmental Management System (EMS), reflects IDI's deep-rooted environmental practices and is indicative of the

company's intention to provide its customers with the highest quality thermoset composite material in an environmentally responsible fashion. In addition to the company's long-standing recycling and environmental conservation programs, IDI has committed itself to several new environmental objectives, implementing a variety of new measures to limit the company's impact on the environment. IDI has received ISO 14001:2004 certification for their Noblesville, Indiana production facility, as well as their Aguirre, Puerto Rico production facility. The company's West Midlands, U.K. facility is next on the list, to be followed by their facilities in China. [Click here](#) for more information.

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