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Sumitomo (SHI) Demag Announces Phase One of 2019 U.S. Expansion Plan

[Strongsville, OH – February 4, 2019]... Sumitomo (SHI) Demag Plastics Machinery North America, Inc. today announced Phase One of its 2019 Expansion Plan in support of the U.S. injection molding market.

Phase One of the company's plan includes the move to a new, larger facility and Tech Center in the Atlanta area. The new facility is almost *triple the size* of the Norcross, GA, facility that it will replace.

Parent company, Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd., began selling injection molding machines in the U.S. in 1980, and has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to this market. "Our 2019 U.S. Expansion Plan is taking this commitment to the next level," said John F. Martich III, Executive V.P. and Chief Operating Officer of Sumitomo (SHI) Demag's U.S. operations.

"As we begin our 39th year here, we're excited to be expanding our facilities, support capabilities and geographic coverage to better serve our growing customer base. The plan has been developed to improve operational efficiencies and to help U.S. molders capitalize on our best-in-class all-electric and hybrid technologies to build their competitive advantage and business," Martich said. "We are actively hiring new personnel and our 2019 plan includes three phases of which the new facility in Georgia is Phase One."

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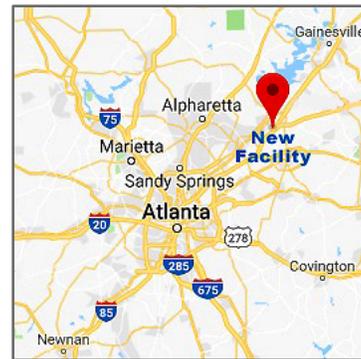
New Facility Details

In Georgia, the company is moving into a 74,000 sq ft facility in Suwanee, a Gwinnett county suburb of Atlanta conveniently located off I-85 N. The Suwanee facility will be used for:

- Receiving of SE Series all-electric stock machines
- Modifications to SE machines to meet customer specifications
- Corporate, sales, field service and other aftersales support offices
- Hands-on and classroom training facilities
- A new, larger Tech Center

The new facility is located at: 410 Horizon Drive, Suite 200, Suwanee, GA 30024.

“This new location for our SE Series all-electric stock machines and modifications, closer to the port of entry, will enable faster and more efficient delivery to customer locations,” said Martich.



The new Tech Center will feature SE Series all-electric machines ranging from 33 to 562 U.S. tons, various specialized options such as the SL Screw, and a range of partners' auxiliary equipment. It will be used for machine demos, mold tests, hands-on training, and other processing and application development and support activities.



The Suwanee facility will be open for business Monday, February 25, 2019. All phone and fax numbers will remain the same to ensure a seamless transition for customers.

Machine training classes will begin at the Suwanee facility in April 2019 and an Open House is being planned for later in the year.

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Sumitomo (SHI) Demag's worldwide group of companies is dedicated to helping plastics processors compete more effectively in the global market. The company manufactures a wide range of high-precision IM machines for diverse applications. Its all-electric platform (SE, SR and CL series) spans from 8 to 935 U.S. tons, including micro to mid-sized, high-speed, packaging, high-duty, vertical, insert and high-speed multi-shot machine series. Ultra-high-speed hybrid machines (EI-Exis SP and Systec SP series) are offered in models from 165 to 882 U.S. tons for packaging and other thin-wall applications. Configurable, high-performance hydraulic and toggle machines (Systec Series), including multi-component models, are also provided for applications from 39 to 1686 U.S. tons. Equally important, Sumitomo (SHI) Demag has an extensive worldwide network, ensuring customers of sales, parts, training, service and processing support when and where it is needed.

Information on the North American operations of Sumitomo (SHI) Demag can be found at www.sumitomo-shi-demag.us.

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