

News Release

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Alpha 3 Manufacturing Corporation Growing in Garrett, Indiana *State-of-the-art manufacturer adding employees by summer 2007*

Garrett, Ind., April 13, 2007—Alpha 3 Manufacturing Corporation (A3), a contract manufacturer and component supplier of sheet metal and molded composite parts, announces it is adding employees due to increased product demand. From 2006 to the present, A3 has increased its workforce 50 percent. The company currently employs 44 workers on one shift and plans to increase the workforce another 25-50 percent by summer, 2007.

Alpha 3 (www.a3mfg.com) specializes in manufacturing thermoset fiber-reinforced composites, utilizing compression molding and open molding to manufacture products for a wide range of industries. This process produces lightweight, durable, corrosion-resistant and strong composites, considered the “plastics of the future.” Alpha 3 currently contracts to produce headlight bezels, shifter plates, seed hoppers and tractor components for the heavy truck, agriculture and construction industries. In addition, a substantial portion of A3’s manufacturing is dedicated to the swimming pool industry, particularly sub-structure and retaining wall systems, as well as vacuum formed pool entry steps for in-ground vinyl-liner pools. This composite application represents the first innovation in technology for the pool industry in 30 years. Alpha 3 recently became certified to ISO 9001:2000 quality systems standards.

A3 utilizes a fully automated flexible sheet metal fabrication system, the Salvagnini S4-P4, which accepts a variety of metals in virtually any size sheet and allows a seamless transition between product runs. The Salvagnini is also capable of punching Plexiglas. This system simultaneously punches, sheers and bends sheet metal parts, while also allowing different parts to be made without costly die changeover.

According to Chris Yahne, A3 sales and marketing, “This in-line manufacturing system allows us to manufacture anything from short-run parts to long, full production runs for our customers. We also have the flexibility to change from producing small parts to large parts in seconds. This machine is truly state-of-the-art in fabrication and production technology.”

A3 has also recently acquired a state-of-the-art 10’ x 12’ thermo/vacuum former with quartz heating technology and an articulating clamp frame. This machine allows A3 to produce very large thermo/vacuum formed parts quickly and efficiently.

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“We are pleased by the rapid growth of this local company,” stated Garrett Mayor David Wiant. “The able and experienced leadership of Tom Epple, president and CEO, and Dave Dent, vice president, is helping another successful business in our community.”

The DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership (DCEDP) is working with all involved parties to explore potential economic incentives for this growing company. More information about the partnership is available at www.dekalbcountyedp.org.

Alpha 3 Manufacturing Corporation production team members are being hired through Pro Resources Inc. in Auburn. Persons wishing to apply may email auburn@proresources.net or visit Pro Resources’ office at 652 North Grandstaff in Auburn.