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Tray-Pak Corporation Enhances Sampling Capabilities with New 3D Production System

READING, PA – August 17, 2012 — Tray-Pak Corp., a leading thermoformer of innovative and quality packaging solutions, has expanded their in-house technology portfolio with the addition of a Fortus 360mc 3D Production System, manufactured by Stratasys Inc., Eden Prairie, MN and distributed by Cimquest, Inc. of Bedminster, NJ.

Fortus 3D Production Systems are based on patented Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) technology, which uses an industrial thermoplastic material to create three-dimensional models. FDM creates three-dimensional models by heating and melting the plastic, extruding the material into a fine ribbon (approximately the size of a human hair), and layering it to produce a desired object. This process has numerous benefits over alternative solutions, both environmental and functional, such as: increased accuracy and repeatability, higher resolution and feature detail, faster production, and a reduction in raw materials and waste.

This new technology allows Tray-Pak Corp. to offer customers improved efficiency for sampling projects, with significant resource and time savings over the historic method of machining molds utilizing computer numerical control (CNC). “By eliminating the CNC process for certain jobs, we will save labor and material expenses that will allow us to manage costs and improve response time,” said Dave Hikes, Design and Engineering Manager. Dave continues, “With our new machine, Tray-Pak can now create sample molds with the speed and accuracy that will make a real difference. The strength of the thermoplastic material gives us a part that will hold up and perform exactly as we need it to.”

About Tray-Pak Corporation

Since its founding in 1975 as a thermoformer of plastic cookie and candy trays, Tray-Pak Corporation has grown to become one of North America’s leading sources for innovative solutions in all types of thermoformed thin-gauge packaging. Tray-Pak specializes in medium-to-high volume runs (50,000 to 50-million+) of consumable goods packaging. Tray-Pak’s mission is to deliver a superior value to all stakeholders by providing innovative packaging solutions through collaboration, creativity, and continuous improvement.

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