

Syntex Rubber Corporation purchased by Lavelle Industries, Inc.

(Burlington, WI, August 8, 2008) – Lavelle Industries, Inc., a leading manufacturer of custom molded rubber and plastic parts, today announced the purchase of Syntex Rubber Corp., a custom rubber manufacturing company located in Connecticut. Transition plans are in place for maintaining the Syntex reputation of providing quality parts and excellent customer interface. The combination of market economics and rising material costs led to the sale of Syntex Rubber Corp.

Lavelle Industries was established in 1912, and has since earned a national reputation for quality rubber parts. A vertically integrated manufacturer, Lavelle Industries offers a broad spectrum of materials and processing options including Lean manufactured solutions for custom molded rubber and plastic applications. Lavelle is a progressive, team-based organization built on a foundation of continuous improvement and employee engagement. This woman-owned business enterprise has a strong customer focus, a mature quality management system and has been certified to the ISO 9001:2000 standard since 1998.

Lavelle is equipped with a comprehensive array of molding equipment, on-site rubber mixing and an R&D lab, where applications are taken from concept to completion. The R&D capabilities are complemented by outstanding tooling experience and molding capabilities which make Lavelle an expert in the rubber and plastic molding industry.

Manufacturing capabilities include: conventional molding, injection molding, rubber-metal bonding, lathe cutting, secondary operations, and custom material development.

Lavelle services a broad spectrum of industries across the globe including: appliance, hardware, automotive, computer, electronics, sporting goods but key to their success is the plumbing industry. As an expert in the plumbing industry, Lavelle offers a wide variety of innovative solutions for plumbing and water applications. Over fifty years ago, Lavelle revolutionized the industry with the launch of the very first toilet flapper, Korky[®]. Today, Lavelle manufactures a complete line of toilet repair products under their Korky[®] brand name.

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