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Massachusetts manufacturing company opens Ormond Beach plant

Tax break reason for plastics firm's new Florida division

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ORMOND BEACH — A northern plastics manufacturer has expanded its operations with a new plant in Ormond Beach.

Modern Mold & Tool, founded in 1950 in Pittsfield, Mass., opened its southern division in Ormond Beach — called Modern Mold South.



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Rita Schillinger holds some of the plastic products manufactured by Modern Mold South as Leah Green and John Porto run the Nissei injection molding machine at the Ormond Beach location.

"We're very glad to open up here," said Joe Pedrotti, president of Modern Mold South, who officially opened the division in early fall in suites 22 and 23 of the Hull Pointe Business Park, located at 1230 North U.S. 1.

The company's 10,000-square-foot warehouse specializes in design engineering, plastics mold manufacturing and injection molding for the medical, electronics, aerospace, security and automotive industries.

Pedrotti said Modern Mold, an ISO 9001 certified company, considered opening a location in Utah, but Florida's business-friendly environment proved more favorable for his business.

Pedrotti cited the sales tax break Florida's Legislature has allotted the state's manufacturing firms as too attractive to pass up.

"That's really what brought us here," said Pedrotti, adding that he also wanted to be where his clients are.

"This is a business-friendly state and several of our customers brought their operations here," said Pedrotti.

Pedrotti said his clients are "any major medical company you can think of."

The company currently has four employees at its Ormond Beach location. Another 70 are in the Massachusetts location.

Pedrotti said his hopes for the coming year include adding a second shift for production at the Ormond Beach site, which would add four additional workers, including quality assurance operators and a second shift manager.

Joe Mannarino, Ormond Beach's director of economic development, said he is working with Modern Mold South to help it obtain economic incentives.

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"I have worked with David Pedrotti during his initial planning for a facility in our region and was pleased that he has made a capital investment in Ormond Beach and is providing employment opportunities for residents of the city and Volusia County," Mannarino said in an email to The News-Journal.

"I also look forward to assisting Modern Mold South in any expansion plans in the future," he said.

Jayne Fifer, president of the VMA manufacturing alliance, praised Modern Mold for its decision to open its southern division here.

"Bottom line is we're always looking to grow our manufacturing segment," said Fifer. "We're always excited when a new manufacturer calls Volusia County home."