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Shaping the World of Composites for 50 Years **Premix Drives Growth through Technical Innovation**

North Kingsville, Ohio, USA – Premix, Inc., an early pioneer of thermoset composites, celebrates its 50th anniversary this August without breaking stride. Investments in new equipment, technology and custom-engineered applications continue to advance the use of composites worldwide.

“Our founders were among the first to recognize the unique properties and superior performance of thermoset technology,” said Tom Meola, Premix President and Chief Operating Officer. “With an eye to the future, they understood the potential to transform entire industries by converting traditional manufacturing materials to composites, thereby reducing costs, increasing the rate and speed of production while improving product performance and quality. It’s been a remarkable journey.”

The journey began in a very small rented facility in Conneaut, Ohio, where two boyhood friends, George Kaull and Ford Davey, were quick to understand and recognize a future in the composites industry.

Over time, their drive to formulate and mold custom-engineered materials to meet critical industry standards led Premix to develop innovations in the electrical, HVAC, business equipment, appliance, corrosion, transportation, construction and aircraft industries.

The company soon outgrew its small, rented facility, and with the purchase of a 35-acre farm in North Kingsville, Ohio in 1964, Premix laid the groundwork for seven major expansions that would follow. Quantum Composites, a wholly owned subsidiary specializing in high-performance Engineered Structural Composites (ESC), was acquired in 1990 to expand and broaden the scope of their materials capabilities.

Today, Premix is a global leader in the development, design, and manufacture of thermoset composite materials and custom-molded components, serving customers all over the world from its 330,000 square-foot facility in North Kingsville and its 50,000 square-foot operation in Bay City, Michigan.

The company markets a wide range of commercial composite materials including, Sheet Molding Compounds (SMC), Bulk Molding Compounds (BMC), Thick Molding Compounds (TMC) and Engineered Structural Composites (ESC) under the trademarks Premi-Glas, Premi-Ject and Lytex.

Premix thermoset compounds and molded components can be found under the hood in valve covers made for Hyundai in Korea, in high-end Nissan sports cars, in bullet trains and commercial aircraft, and in everyday objects such as air conditioners, circuit breakers and residential doors. New innovative applications in alternative energy and mass transportation are underway as Premix begins its second half-century of service.



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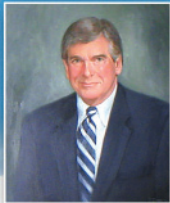
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Leveraging 50 years of market-proven experience, Premix has the technology and know-how to serve market and customer needs using its unique, "Total Systems Approach." Customers work with Premix product development engineers through every stage of development and manufacturing, from the selection and specification of materials to product design and prototyping, mold design and construction, formulating and compounding, to production molding and assembly.

"Visit any one of our facilities and you will see our founders' spirit at work among our team of dedicated employees," said Steve Searl, a 40-year employee. "Their passion for excellence and drive to deliver growth through technical innovation continues to prepare us to take on new challenges."

The company's dynamic new web site, www.premix.com, launched in tandem with the 50th anniversary, includes the latest news about Premix materials, market applications, and information about how to take advantage of the Premix Total Systems Approach.

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Ford Davey



George Kaul

