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Tom Walczak Speaks at Society of Plastics Engineers Education & Career Night *DMP General Manager shares insights on the importance of strategic partnerships.*

NASHOTAH, Wis. (May 28, 2010) – Tom Walczak, general manager of Wisconsin Operations for Dickten Masch Plastics, recently served as speaker at the Society of Plastics Engineers annual education and career night at Waukesha County Technical College.

The theme of the evening was, “Together, we can be the engine of innovation.” The society asked Walczak to speak at the event to emphasize, from his experience, the importance of strategic partnerships to innovation within the plastics industry.

“As an active member of the SPE, I was pleased to be able to share with the next generation some of the things I’ve learned over the years,” said Walczak. “My time in the industry has taught me the value of partnering with people who can help you reduce costs, save time, lower risk and improve value throughout your value stream.”

Walczak is an accomplished and award-winning plastics engineer, having received 13 U.S. patents over the course of his career. In his role as General Manager of Wisconsin Operation, he has seen the success that comes from OEMs closely partnering with Dickten Masch and accessing its expertise.

Walczak shared with attendees that the most successful engineers work closely with OEM clients at project inception to understand the end application, help determine part requirements and apply their expertise to design parts and manufacturing processes that eliminate back-end troubleshooting expeditions.

“The United States is still a powerhouse for manufacturing,” said Walczak. “Productivity is increasing even though the number of jobs is decreasing. It’s important to communicate the knowledge we’ve acquired with upcoming engineers who can help the industry continue to grow.”

About SPE: *The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is the premier source of technical information for plastics professionals. Founded in 1942, SPE takes action every day to help individuals and companies in the plastics industry succeed—by spreading knowledge, strengthening skills, and promoting plastics. Employing these strategies, SPE has helped the plastics industry thrive for over 60 years, and SPE has become the recognized forum for communication among scientists, engineers, and technical personnel engaged in the development, manufacture, and application of plastics. The Milwaukee Section covers the majority of the state of Wisconsin, and consists of members who are dedicated to helping individuals in the plastics industry attain higher professional status through increased scientific, engineering, and technical knowledge. For more information, please visit www.4spe.org.*

About Dickten Masch Plastics: *Dickten Masch Plastics is a custom thermoplastics and thermoset molder with technical expertise and advanced processing capabilities that produce unique advantages for customers in a range of industries. The company's commitment is to help customers throughout the value stream by providing engineering and design support, world-class materials analysis, high-quality tooling, rapid prototyping, experienced project management and an array of value-added secondary operations. As part of the Patmian Group of companies, Dickten Masch Plastics has access to the resources it needs to grow in a way that is most advantageous to customers. To learn more, visit Dickten Masch online at <http://www.dicktenplastics.com/>.*

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