

Press Release: For Immediate Release
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The Starke County Development Foundation has announced that Nor Am Plastics, Inc., a custom injection-molding firm, is opening a new manufacturing facility in Knox. Production has just begun in a portion of the former Freeman Products building on County Road 300 E. The company manufactures custom plastic parts, plastic rollers and spacers, as well as plastic parts for the R.V. and manufactured home industry.

President Greg Kroa commented that orders for production have come in much faster than anticipated because of the need for manufactured housing in the hurricane stricken Gulf States.

Kroa is a third generation specialist in the plastic injection industry. His father and grandfather were active in the industry. He is a member of the American Council of recyclers as a result of his personal commitment to recycling plastics in his own company as well as others. He anticipates adding to his present work force as new customers develop.

This announcement follows earlier announcements in 2005 by the Starke County Development Foundation of Sabre Manufacturing to establish a new plant in Starke County, by Reagent Chemical and Research, Inc. to locate a new White Flyer Division in Starke County; the expansion of J. W. Hicks, Knox facility; the acquisition by Callison's, Inc. of a warehousing facility and the construction of a new 72,000 sq. ft. warehouse facility for Knox Fertilizer.

Starke County Development Foundation Executive Director Charles Weaver stated that he was pleased to make the announcement and welcomes Nor Am Plastics to the Starke County manufacturing family. He commented: "The decision by Nor Am Plastics to locate in Starke County is evidence of the excellent reputation Starke County workers have in the plastic injection industry." A ribbon cutting ceremony by the Starke County Chamber of Commerce is being scheduled.