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**NON-METALLIC COMPONENTS, INC. RECIPIENT OF THE
2001 MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Non-Metallic Components (NMC) a manufacturer of custom thermoplastic injection molded products was the recipient of the 2001 Manufacturer of the Year Award. Founded in 1985, NMC is headquartered in Poynette, WI and has a production facility in Cuba City, WI and joint venture in Suzhou, China.

NMC's has become a leader in the plastic injection molding community as a result of its strong growth and innovation, which includes patent plastic filter technology. Stuart Varner, President of NMC was quoted as saying "NMC's innovation is all encompassing from the way we look at standard production to how we utilize engineering grade resins to make products better and more consistent than most companies can." A champion in cost-savings strategies for its customers, NMC today services the water conditioning, medical, appliance, automotive and small engine industries throughout the world.

As a TS 16949 certified company, NMC's integration of management into core functions has resulted in a commitment to quality control that is well above industry standards. NMC's testing procedures go well beyond industry requirements and use real-world measurements, realistic conditions and mold flow technology, which distinguish the firm within it industry.

Environmentally conscious, NMC is continually striving to reduce waste and recycle. Whenever possible, the company stamps its products with a recycling label to facilitate the reuse of the product. During the production process, any scrap material is reground and reused in NMC's products or sold on the secondary market. With the advent of its patented unitary filter and a molded hose filter, NMC has opened the door to the recycling of these products since they are now made entirely of plastic.

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