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## Sustainability through Innovation and Manufacturing Pride

Inteplast Group has cultivated more than 25 years of manufacturing leadership within the plastics industry. In fact, as the company approached the dawn of the new millennium more than 18 years ago, there was no doubt that it would not only need to integrate sustainability in its operations but also make products that would allow its customers the same options for their patrons. The company has made strides in this area, having recently won an (International Association of Plastics Distribution) IAPD Environmental Award for its floor protection sheet (made of recycled materials) used in the construction industry.

Inteplast has also focused on developing reusable plastics packaging for an array of industries, from automotive to agricultural. This area, in particular via corrugated board production, invites environmentally conscious buyers to align themselves with values that appeal to their customers.

As 2019 approaches, Inteplast joint ventures are experiencing growth through a commitment to sustainability and efficiency as well, taking a zero waste approach. Recycling processing center EFS-Plastics continues to make strides in Pennsylvania and Canada. As has 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics in Ohio, now finalizing its installation of a 6,600-ton, high-pressure injection press – one of the largest in North America.

Inteplast Group, with its flagship site in Lolita, Texas, remains top-ranked in *Plastics News* as number one in North America for sheet sales and number two for sheet and film sales combined. Group President Dr. John Young notes that the fortification of the company required a focus on internal growth during 2017 so that 2018 would be a foundation for an even more progressive stance in plastics manufacturing.

“Although we are a conglomerate of some 55 facilities and counting, it’s rewarding at times to humbly reminisce upon the fact that only 10 years ago we started to grow outside of Lolita by acquiring affiliates,” said Dr. Young. “Our down-to-earth pursuit of excellence in all areas supports our relentless pursuit of transparency, integration, and evidence-based management.”

Whether Inteplast is upholding its sustainability criteria via Operation Clean Sweep or inspiring the next generation of manufacturing professionals via Manufacturing Day tours nationwide – one truth has remained constant: we continue to cultivate products parallel with a company culture that upholds environmentally sound practices to ensure a high quality, durable, recyclable, and reusable option for plastics across modern markets. **PS**