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Akro-Mils® Creates “Greener” Workplace and Cost Savings at Wadsworth, Ohio Manufacturing Facility

April 11, 2011, Akron, Ohio – Akro-Mils, a Myers Industries, Inc. company, announced today that it has invested in several energy-saving initiatives for its main Wadsworth, Ohio plant. New overhead lighting fixtures and electric injection-molding machinery are helping Akro-Mils not only to promote an eco-friendly workplace, but also to lower costs and improve safety and quality. Based in Akron, Ohio, Akro-Mils is a North American leader in plastic storage bins and organization containers, shelving systems and mobile material handling products.

“This is a major undertaking for our Wadsworth plant. We’re excited knowing that the outcome will have a positive impact on the environment, as well as increasing the level of efficiency in which our products are created,” states Jeff Gervais, general manager of Akro-Mils. “Akro-Mils is known for providing state-of-the-art plastic products to our customers, so updating our facility and machinery further enhances our pledge to be the best provider of storage and organization container solutions in the industry.”

For many years, the overhead fluorescent bulbs used to light the plant were practical, but inefficient from an energy standpoint and generated a lot of heat. The new T5 and T8 fluorescent bulbs are thinner and brighter, providing a whiter light with half of the energy draw. Plus, proximity switches have been installed throughout the facility, ensuring that lights will only be on when people are working in each specific area.

From a manufacturing standpoint, Akro-Mils is also replacing two of its injection-molding machines with the latest energy-efficient, electric models. The new machinery will produce Akro-Mils’ plastic product lines with less energy draw than their predecessors. Additionally, the equipment is designed so that product molds are mounted and held in place magnetically, allowing products to be molded with even greater precision and quality.

“The positive comments from employees have been astounding,” says Gary Taylor, plant manager, in response to the new lighting. “Not only has the ability to visually inspect products improved, but also increased employee safety in production and warehouse areas – a key factor for the lighting project. Another by-product of the new lighting is how much cooler the work areas are. This should pay dividends toward employee comfort and safety when our summer heat returns.”

Overall, Akro-Mils is anticipating a 50% savings in electricity and lighting costs for the new lights that were recently completed. Installation of the new machinery, to be completed by June 2011, should render a 15% to 20% savings in manufacturing efficiencies. This will result in energy savings equivalent to:

- 6,658,585 kilowatts, or;
- 1,271 acres of added forestation, or;
- 894 cars removed from the road.

Dovetailing on the green theme, Akro-Mils is relying on local labor for installation of both the lights and the machinery, thus contributing to the local economy. In addition, the molding equipment was developed by Milacron LLC, a Cincinnati, Ohio-based company.

Akro-Mils, a Myers Industries, Inc. company (NYSE: MYE), is a leading manufacturer of plastic and metal storage, organization, transport and material handling products for use in industrial, commercial and consumer markets. Contact Akro-Mils at (800) 253-2467 or visit www.akro-mils.com to learn more.

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