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Fowlerville's American Compounding Specialties Doubles Output Capacity

American Compounding Specialties, a toll compounding company that manufactures high performance engineering thermoplastics for major chemical companies, this year doubled its output capacity after being in business just under two years.

American Compounding, located in Fowlerville, recently added a second production line to its 15,000-sq. foot facility that increased its annual output to 60 million pounds, twice the original capacity. The additional line represents a \$3.5 million investment, and resulted in the hiring of six additional staff members.

The company, founded and owned by Randy Rudisill and Dave Donie, both former executives at Thermofil, Inc., had determined that a market existed for this service.

"Most chemical companies are very sensitive to the total cost of manufacture in deciding whether to make a product in-house or out source the production. Typically, complex, technically challenging products are the best candidates for outsourcing. Additionally, many chemical companies not willing to invest the capital it would take to create these complex resins in-house," said Rudisill. "American Compounding fills that gap by providing a needed service at the lowest total cost and without our customers having to incur infrastructure costs."

With a book of both domestic and off-shore customers, Rudisill anticipates that business will remain steady because of its niche in the marketplace. In fact, the company is in the midst of planning its next expansion.

Rudisill expressed appreciation for the assistance of the Economic Development Council of Livingston County and the community in general. "It's a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and we have a great relationship with the community of Fowlerville," he said. "And without the help of the Economic Development Council, we wouldn't be where we are today."