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NEWS RELEASE

PLASTATECH® ENGINEERING, LTD. JOINS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19. PROVIDES MEDICAL GRADE PVC MEMBRANE FOR MASKS AND GOWNS.

Saginaw, Mich. – April 15, 2020 – Hospitals across the globe are experiencing critical PPE supply shortages. Team members at Plastatech Engineering, Ltd., manufacturers of film, fabric and laminate solutions, found a way to help.

In conjunction with sister company, Duro-Last®, Inc., engineers, product development and manufacturing staff united to fabricate and manufacture isolation gowns and face masks. Utilizing expertise in manufacturing flexible PVC and fabrics, the team went from prototype to production to delivery in one week.

The gowns are made from flexible PVC making them water and fluid-repellant. The masks are made from polyester and PVC. Both are washable and reusable.

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Plastatech Joins Fight Against COVID-19

“This is about helping health care professionals in any way we can and at the same time keeping people employed,” said Tom Saeli, CEO of Plastatech Engineering and Duro-Last, Inc. “I am very proud of and impressed by the people within our companies who quickly developed these products. Our country is full of tremendously smart, entrepreneurial people who can bring timely solutions to this unprecedented need. The need is real and I believe it’s our obligation to act now. If our efforts inspire just one other company to join this fight, it will be worth it,” said Saeli.

Some 20,000 gowns and 4,000 face masks have been produced and distributed to healthcare facilities in the first 11 days of operation.

“When we started talking about how we could help, our thinking was that we manufacture barriers that keep water out of buildings and contaminants out of the ground. How can we create a barrier that will protect someone from a disease?” said Shawn Sny, Executive Vice President of Plastatech. “We’re grateful we found a viable solution and can help out in a small way.”

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About Plastatech® Engineering, Ltd.

Plastatech produces calendered and extruded PVC films, weft-inserted textiles, single-ply PVC roofing membrane, reinforced and non-reinforced geomembranes, and laminated vinyl fabrics that are used for tension structures, temporary shelters, agricultural storage, pond liners, and other applications. Plastatech is headquartered in Saginaw, Michigan. For more information on Plastatech, call 800-892-9358 or visit www.plastatech.com.