

SUMIKA POLYMERS NORTH AMERICA EXPANDS ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES.

GRIFFIN, GEORGIA...

Sumika Polymers North America has significantly expanded its research and development capability upgrading and adding to its polymer processing and testing labs located at its Griffin manufacturing plant. Built in 2008, the plant supports and supplies automotive thermoplastic injection molding facilities located across the country producing custom compounded resins to meet OEM requirements.

The laboratory expansion is aimed at providing local development and supporting customer requests. This local commitment will help speed up mid to long term projects for future automotive platforms that will go into production in the years to come and solidify the company's position when competing for business opportunities. While Sumika Polymers has world class laboratories in several other countries as part of its global footprint, the lab expansion will help facilitate growth objectives locally for years to come and reduce operational cost associated with large projects. The ability to do research on a small scale, study new processing parameters along with resin and additive systems also frees up production resources for added efficiency and cost reduction.

The lab expansion has also added several employees to support these operations. Growing the local economy will be beneficial to both Sumika and the City of Griffin long term. Sumika Polymers provides a safe work environment for its employees while also making environmental compliance a priority. The grand opening for the new lab was held on March 5, 2020. Learn more about the company's products at sumikapna.com.



PHOTOS:

1. L to R Andrew Johnston, Sumika Commercial Director, James Munn, Sumika Technical Manager, Osamu Sugasaw, Sumika Vice President, Chuck Copeland, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, David Luckie, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, Doug Hollberg, Mayor, City of Griffin, Kun Qin, Sumika President, Duncan Spillman, Honda North American Automotive Purchasing, Seiji Uemoto, Nissen Chemitec America Vice President.
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