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## **SMC Ltd. Announces Strategic Acquisition of Innovend**

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Somerset, Wis. (January 15, 2008) -- SMC Ltd, a rapidly expanding design, molding, and medical device contract manufacturer, has announced its latest strategic acquisition – Innovend, a contract manufacturing and custom injection molder of high-volume plastic parts located in Leominster, Massachusetts.

Innovend, an ISO certified facility, not only brings newfound technical capabilities and additional production capacity, but also enhances SMC's growing presence in the pharmaceutical industry. SMC established their first east coast operations in March of 2007 with the acquisition of Cycles, Inc., Sterling, MA, now known as SMC-Sterling. In addition to a strong, quality-driven culture, the Innovend acquisition also expands SMC's capacity in Class 8 clean room molding, and Class 7 clean room assembly.

“An east coast manufacturing base has always been of strong importance to us.” said Chetan Patel, President, SMC Ltd. “The addition of Innovend to our expanding portfolio of medical and pharmaceutical manufacturing services adds high volume manufacturing of disposable plastics, and in close proximity to many of our key customers.”

“SMC Ltd. represented the perfect partner for Innovend, bringing a shared passion for the industry we serve, combining technical expertise and a customer-first mentality that has been at the core of our success.” said Roger Fluet, former president of Innovend. Fluet and the existing management team will remain in place. The new location will be known as SMC-Leominster

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SMC Ltd. offers complete design, contract manufacturing and molding services for the medical device and pharmaceutical industries. With 11 manufacturing facilities throughout North America and India, SMC provides a full range of services including design, engineering, thermoplastic molding (including 2-shot), LIM (liquid injection molding), project management, secondary operations, validation and finished device assembly.

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