



# SIMONA AMERICA Inc.

Hazleton, Pennsylvania, USA

*SIMONA increases production, stocking and service capability at new Hazleton plant*

**S**IMONA AMERICA Inc. is a subsidiary of SIMONA AG, one of the leading manufacturers and distributors of thermoplastic semi-finished products. At its new plant in Hazleton, PA, SIMONA AMERICA has increased polyolefin and PVC sheet production tremendously and expanded the product offering focused in industrial markets. In addition, SIMONA AMERICA has consolidated and expanded warehouse operations and provided office space for added customer support.

The plant's design has met the growing needs of the thermoplastic semi-finished products market with the availability of 1-1/2 inch gauge sheet up to 78 inches wide. PVC production has increased with redundant line capability and enhanced new compounding and recycling equipment. All sheet production has benefited from improved raw material flow and storage plus new dies, loading and stacking equipment. Located on a 16-acre site with rail access, the plant can easily be expanded to meet future market requirements.

At the new location, SIMONA AMERICA has expanded its stocking programs in HDPE and copolymer polypropylene to service markets like pipe grade, orthotics and prosthetics, chemical/corrosions resistance and general industrial products. In addition to these increased stock levels in sheet, SIMONA AMERICA tripled its inventory of PVC and polyolefin rod stock with rod diameters ranging from 1/4 inch to 32 inches.

"Being responsive to growing customer needs," according to John Ploskonka, executive vice president of sales and marketing, "is the cornerstone for our customers' success and ultimately our success." John adds, "Delivering quality products and service requires ongoing investment and focus, and SIMONA AMERICA made that commitment to our customer success through the investment in the plant. A private rail siding capable of holding over one million pounds of product was completed in 2008. Having the ability to hedge against this year's es-

calating resin allowed us to provide real savings to our customers. We see our flexibility as strength in meeting changing customer schedules and requirements."

On October 1, Ron Denoo joined the management team of SIMONA America Inc. as chief executive officer. He will be looking to drive the company's growth and further extend its market position.

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SIMONA AG is a manufacturer of thermoplastic products with production facilities and sales offices around the globe. The company's product portfolio includes semi-finished products (sheets, profiles, welding rods), pipes and fittings as well as finished parts. Employing more than 1,200 people worldwide, the Group generates revenue in excess of EUR 300 million (2008). In total, 35,000 products for a diverse range of applications are manufactured at facilities in Germany and abroad. Annual production exceeds 100,000 tons. SIMONA AG is a stock corporation listed in the General Standard. The company's registered office is in Kirn, Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany).

- Sheets
- Pipes
- Fittings
- Finished Parts
- Welding Rods
- Rods
- Valves



## SIMONA AMERICA INC.

### Eco-friendly for decades

**SIMONA is a global manufacturer of semi-finished thermoplastics and takes its environmental responsibilities as seriously as its customer relationships.**

- 100% recyclable materials
- 100% lead-free products
- 100% cadmium-free materials
- SIMONA AG's Environmental Management System is certified in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14001 : 2005

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