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**John F. Martich III Named Chief Operating Officer
for U.S. Operations of Sumitomo (SHI) Demag**

[Norcross, GA – July 2, 2012]...Sumitomo (SHI) Demag has appointed John F. Martich III Chief Operating Officer of the company's two U.S. operations: Sumitomo (SHI) Plastics Machinery (America) LLC in Norcross, GA, and Van Dorn Demag Corp. in Strongsville, OH. In his new role as Chief Operating Officer, Martich will lead all business operations of both companies.



John F. Martich III
Chief Operating Officer

During Martich's 25-year career with Van Dorn Demag, he has held various positions of increasing responsibility including Director of Quality Systems & Reliability Engineering, Director of Technical Service, Vice President of Aftersales, and most recently, Vice President of Operations for Van Dorn Demag Corp. and Van Dorn Service Corp.

With the March 2008 acquisition of the German-based Demag Plastics Group by Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan, Van Dorn Demag became part of Sumitomo (SHI) Demag's global group of companies. Since the acquisition, Martich has played an integral role in the integration of the U.S. operations, ensuring a superior level of service and support for the company's large North American machine population of Sumitomo, Demag, Van Dorn and Newbury machines. Under Martich's leadership, Van Dorn Demag Corp. has developed a wide range of innovative solutions to help molders protect and build the value of their molding operations.

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Sumitomo (SHI) Demag's worldwide group of companies is dedicated to helping plastics processors compete more effectively in the global market. The company manufactures a wide range of high-precision IM machines for diverse applications. Its all-electric platform spans from 8 to 606 U.S. tons, including micro to mid-sized, high-speed, high-duty, vertical, insert, high-speed multi-shot and disc molding machine series. Ultra-high-speed hybrid machines are offered for packaging and other thin-wall applications, plus high-performance hydraulic and toggle machines, including configurable multi-component models, are offered up to 2248 U.S. tons. Equally important, Sumitomo (SHI) Demag has an extensive worldwide network, ensuring customers of sales, parts, training, service and processing support when and where it is needed.

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