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### **FREEMAN MFG & SUPPLY ACQUIRES DIVISION OF WAGNER DIE SUPPLIES**

Deal Expands The Largest Steel Rule Die Supplies Distributor In The US And Canada

AVON, Ohio—March 4, 2024—This week, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company announced the acquisition of the die supply distribution division of Wagner Die Supplies, a company based in Ontario, CA, Grand Prairie, TX, and Elmhurst, IL, forming what is now the largest distributor of specialty materials for steel rule die manufacturers and packaging converters.

Wagner Die Supply, Inc. is a California based premier provider of die making and die cutting supplies used primarily in cutting corrugated and folding boxes. Other uses include cutting for medical products, rubber, abrasives, and gasket industries. Founded in 1947, the Company has offered a full suite of products from its headquarters and satellite facilities in California, Texas and Illinois. After this acquisition, Wagner will continue its manufacturing operations in Ontario, CA where it makes top quality punches, racking systems and other products tailored for steel rule die makers and packaging converters.

Freeman will immediately begin consolidating the Wagner and Freeman locations in Elmhurst (IL), Grand Prairie (TX) and Southern California, while beginning to integrate the expanded lines of die supplies into its other warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

“When it comes to die supplies, Wagner is the granddaddy of them all. We are honored that Tom and Mike have chosen Freeman to continue their tremendous legacy and tradition of providing top quality products, genuine customer service, and a fair prices to an industry that has been so well-served by the Knutson family and their dedicated employees for longer than any other distributor in this market. We can’t wait to welcome their distribution team to Freeman and take our die supply division to the next level,” said Matthew Turco, President of Freeman.

Starting as a foundry patternshop in Maumee, Ohio in 1902, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company has evolved from reselling supplies to other local patternshops to becoming one of the world’s top manufacturers and distributors of tooling materials consisting of urethane, epoxy, wax, wood, or silicone. Now headquartered in Avon, Ohio, Freeman continues to be a global leader in manufacturing specialty waxes and polyurethanes as well as North America’s largest industry supplier of tooling materials and die supplies with fourteen warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

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