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PRENT develops NEW CO-EXTRUDED MATERIAL for Orthopedic PACKAGING

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2013

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Joseph T. Pregont
Prent Corporation President
and CEO

For Prent Corporation, 2013 was an excellent year with worldwide growth hitting double figures. It was a year of settling down after completing a tremendous amount of work in 2012 in Malaysia, where we built a new facility, plus added a second facility in China. Here are some of the highlights of 2013.

- We continued to add additional thermoforming equipment around the world to meet the demands of the medical and electronics industries we serve.
- We further increased the number of worldwide employees—now approaching 2,000.
- As our global customers continued to grow their businesses, we assisted them by providing great product development in those regions. We expanded our product development capabilities in Janesville, Denmark, Malaysia and China—adding qualified and capable people to our already outstanding Teams.
- At our World Headquarters in Janesville, we embarked on a total plant upgrade, leaving no departments untouched. The upgrades were just part of an aggressive three-year global facility program.
- We brought a new thermoforming facility on-line in Costa Rica to serve the medical industry in that country.
- We developed a new co-extruded TPU/PETG 6763 packaging material to better protect abrasive medical devices.
- Prent Denmark earned ISO 13485 certification for Medical Devices. Other facilities are expected to be certified in 2014.
- Congressman Paul Ryan saluted Prent for its global manufacturing leadership.
- Wisconsin/Illinois Stateline World Trade Association honored Prent for its international trade practices.

Such global successes have only happened because of the great and dedicated Prent Teams who create and produce the most innovative packaging around the world.



GOEX Doubling Its Extrusion Capacity

Construction has begun on a new GOEX facility located just two miles from its current location in Janesville, Wisconsin.

GOEX—Prent’s sister company—is a leading manufacturer of custom plastic sheet and roll stock for medical packaging and other industries. The move is expected to more than double the company’s capacity.

“The construction of this GOEX facility follows in the wake of Prent’s three-year Facilities Plan,” explains Joseph T. Pregont, Prent President and CEO. “The new 180,000 sq. ft. GOEX building will allow Prent to take-over the former GOEX structure to use as our new Janesville Distribution Center.”

The project is on schedule to be completed in July 2014. It will take several months to relocate all of the extrusion equipment, support processes and personnel. The 140 employees are anxious to move into a totally new facility which has been designed to meet the specific needs of GOEX.



ISO 13485 Certification In-Progress Worldwide

Prent Denmark recently became ISO 13485:2012 certified for medical devices and several additional facilities are expected to be certified in 2014.

The ISO 13485:2012 certification is a natural next-step for our facilities because it builds on our strong QMS (Quality Management System) platform—where most of the ISO requirements for Medical Devices are already being met. It also shows our

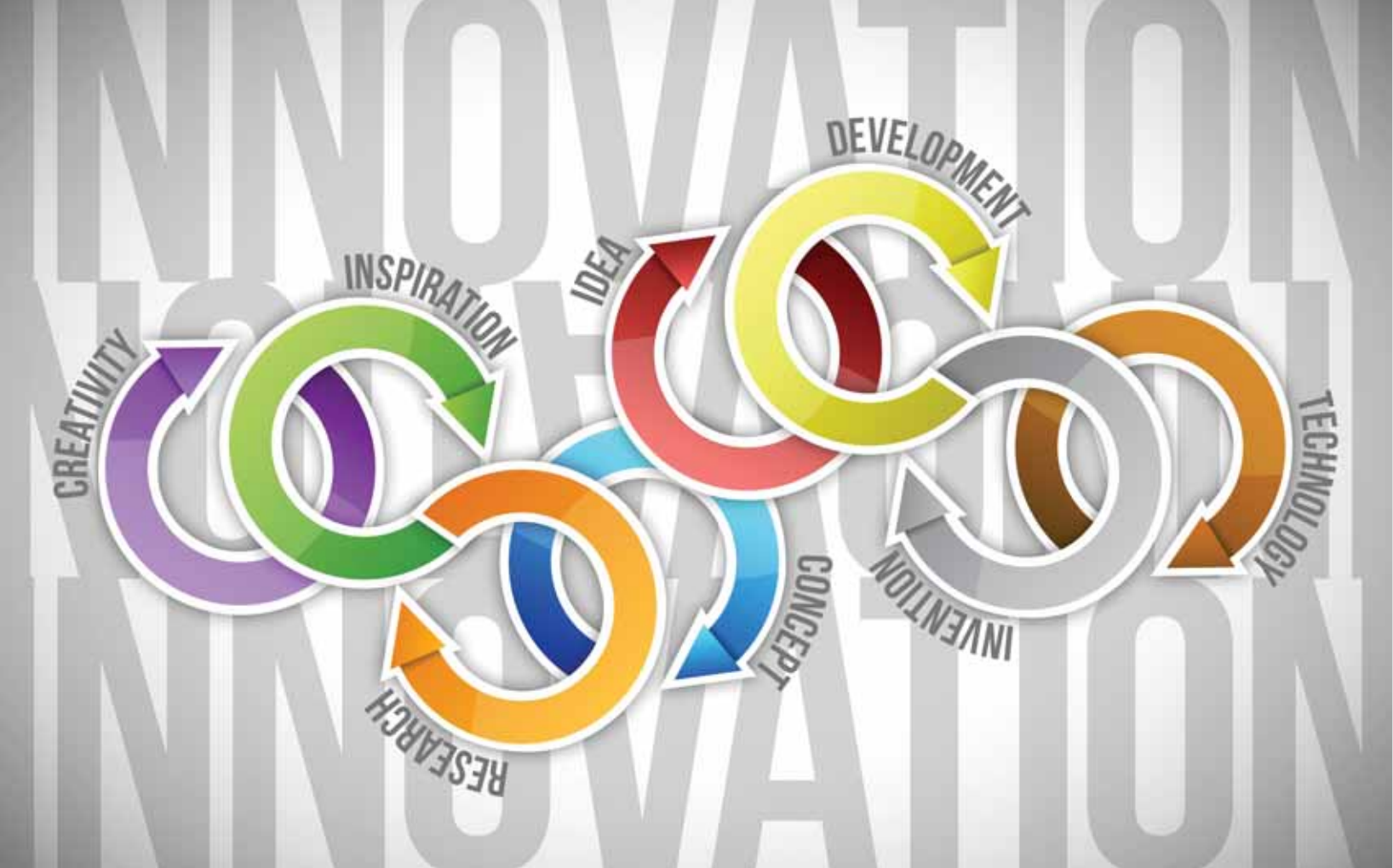
dedication to supplying packaging fully compliant with international ISO requirements in the Medical Device sector.

Prent Denmark (opened in 2010) supplies packaging to companies throughout Europe. It’s a full-service, ISO 9001:2008 certified, Class 8 clean room facility with quality assurance, state-of-the-art robotic thermoformers and product design services.

In Denmark, Jens Per Johansen, Quality Assurance

Manager, was the driving force behind the ISO 13485 certification project. Additional support was provided by Dave Henry (Director of Quality Assurance for Prent Worldwide), Nadia Caspersen (QA Technician for Prent Denmark) and Hai Fang Chong (QA Manager for Prent Malaysia), who conducted an internal audit prior to certification testing.





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Customer Challenge Leads to Innovative Orthopedic Material Solution

After three years in development, Prent has introduced a new robust, durable orthopedic packaging material. It was designed to withstand the highly abrasive nature of porous coated implants, which can typically be extremely destructive to traditional packaging.

The new co-extruded TPU/PETG 6763 material is a joint product development process with our sister company GOEX, an extruder of plastic sheet and roll stock. It's the marriage between the soft protective qualities of thermoplastic polyurethane TPU with the durable sterile barrier qualities of PETG 6763.

The project was originally the result of a customer's request to find a better

universal orthopedic packaging solution, as well as address the packaging concerns of orthopedic nurses. Since some implants today are undergoing more transportation and handling than the packaging was originally designed and tested for, operating room nurses have reported heavy, orthopedic implants breaking-through lidding, plastic packaging and even cardboard boxes.

Thanks to Prent's co-extruded TPU/PETG 6763 material, the new packaging is winning rave reviews from our customers and nurses for its strength and durability.

Some of the many benefits of Prent's new TPU/PETG 6763 material include:

- Both the PETG 6763 and TPU Resin components are USP Class VI Certified.
- The material is suitable for both gamma and ethylene oxide sterilization.
- It stands up to repeated abrasion, sharp edges and aggressive textures.
- It's sealable with Tyvek.
- It can eliminate the need for Polyurethane inner or outer liners for many devices.
- It can be converted using normal in-line thermoform processes.
- It has a nice tactile feel.
- It's available in two common gauges.
- The material maintains clarity sufficient to allow detailed part identification. It's also available in medical blue-tint.

GREAT JOB! "Our new TPU/PETG 6763 material is meeting the need for sturdy, protective packaging of abrasive orthopedic implants to ensure that devices arrive in the operating suite in perfect condition. Additionally, Prent's new co-extruded TPU material offers reduced material costs compared to traditional TPU-only products. And it gives us a better formable material. Great job to everyone who worked on this project!" – **JOSEPH T. PREGONT**, *Prent Corporation President and CEO.*

Innovation is No Accident at Prent

Rather, innovation is rooted in our deep, organization-wide commitment to developing custom solutions by applying our unique ability to collaborate across all parts of our large, vertically integrated organization. In fact, it's not uncommon for us to dedicate several years and thousands of hours to find that "just-right solution"—a feat few other thermoforming companies are able to do.

We're proud to be a solution-provider whether it's:

- The creation of all new materials from the GOEX R&D Center, such as our new co-extruded TPU/PETG 6763...
- The development of GLIDEX to displace problematic issues associated with silicone coated 6763 PETG...
- The out-of-box thinking by our award-winning Global Product Development Teams—which can create amazingly innovative packaging to solve seemingly impossible challenges...
- The genius of our IT and Engineering Designers—who dream-up and build our globally networked, state-of-the-art custom thermoforming machines to ensure packages made in Shanghai will be identical to those made in Costa Rica...
- Or the precision of our skilled Machine Operators—who can form perfect parts time-after-time, from the challenging designs Product Development throws at them every day...Prent can tackle any challenge.

How Can We Help Your Company?

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to view an animation of the 2013 Christmas ornament package, made from TPU/PETG 6763.

I am looking for a lot of people who have an infinite capacity to not know what can't be done.

Henry Ford, entrepreneur



If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got.

Albert Einstein, scientist

$E=mc^2$

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

Steve Jobs, entrepreneur and inventor



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Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration

Thomas Edison, inventor



Prent Costa Rica Manager Juan Carlos Touma hoists his country's flag over Prent's World Headquarters.



Run, Baby, Run!

On February 2, Prent's Costa Rica Plant Manager Juan Carlos Touma will be joining 25,000 other runners from all over the world for the 12th Annual Miami Marathon and Half Marathon.

He'll be running through Miami Beach, along Biscayne Bay, passing miles and miles of beaches and the lovely pastel buildings of the Art Deco District.

This is Juan's seventh half marathon (13.1 miles). "Running has helped me in so many different ways," he reports. "For example, I don't eat junk food anymore. Rather I eat a more of balanced diet with fruits and vegetables and lots of carbs. My wife Rosa runs 10K's and we hope to someday run a half marathon together. But with two small children, we don't have time for much of anything else besides work and parenting!"

Rosa is a Materials Manager for a leading provider of injectable drugs and infusion technologies. A Costa Rican citizen, she spent her high school years in Florida and speaks fluent English. The couple is passing their language skills onto their oldest son, Matías. Besides being fluent in his native Spanish tongue, he's also learning English and German at school.

"I always loved running...it was something you could do by yourself, and under your own power. You could go in any direction, fast or slow as you wanted, fighting the wind if you felt like it, seeking out new sights just on the strength of your feet and the courage of your lungs."

• Jesse Owens, 4-time Olympic Gold Medalist at the 1936 Olympics



NewsPrent's cover photo is from the 2013 Miami Marathon and Half Marathon.

Futsal in Malaysia

Prent Club Malaysia

organized a Futsal Tournament with eight groups of players from different departments. It's become a great way for employees to connect.

Fast becoming one of the most widely played sports around the world, Futsal is a five-a-side football (soccer) game played indoors with hockey-sized goals.



Communications: Recently over 20 Prent Malaysia staff attended an intensive two-day seminar on "Effective Communication" to enhance employees' creative and problem-solving abilities.

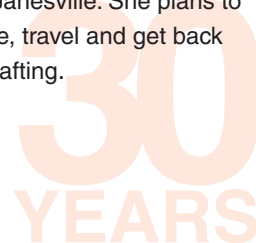


James Soto (left) has been a Machine Operator with Prent Costa Rica for over a year. He was recently in Janesville receiving advanced training. A graduate of Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje de Costa Rica (INA), James previously worked as a machine operator in the medical Injection Molding industry. Costa Rica Plant Manager Juan Carlos Touma is on the right.



Karen Hayes Retires After 30 Years

Best wishes to Karen Hayes, QA Clerk, who recently retired after 30 years of service at Prent Janesville. She plans to move to Fox Lake, travel and get back to sewing and crafting.





Prent North American Sales Manager Tom Schaffner poses with his four children on his backyard ice rink.



A Backyard Story

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Tom Schaffner, Prent North American Sales Manager, has had a 25 ft. x 50 ft. ice rink in his backyard for six years. “It’s a neighborhood hot spot,” he explains. “It’s not unusual to find six to eight kids—in addition to my own four—skating after school. It’s wonderful.”

Tom strapped on his first pair of skates at age three, and he hasn’t taken them off since. He led his Janesville high school hockey team to Wisconsin’s finals. He played four years of varsity hockey for University of Wisconsin-Stout, in addition to playing varsity football for two years. Then it was off to Sweden, where he played semi-pro hockey for the Vimmerby Tigers. “Playing one year overseas was such a great experience, and to this day,” he notes, “I still stay in contact with many of my teammates.” He’s also played on the Prent Hockey Team.

Now that he’s a Dad, Schaffner has passed his love of hockey on to his kids. Each child started skating at age three. For the past four years he’s been Assistant Coach for two of his children’s youth hockey teams. “I’m coaching every night of the week. Every weekend. It seems like a full-time job. But it brings out the competitive spirit in me. If it wasn’t for my wife, I wouldn’t be able to do this. She holds the whole thing together!” he laughs.



Can You Find the Answer?

Recently, we launched our new Prent Website www.prent.com. Can you locate on the website how many design Awards Prent has earned since 2003?

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MD&M WEST 2014
February 11-13, 2014
Anaheim Convention
Center, Booth 2033
Anaheim, CA USA

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Albuquerque, NM, USA

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April 7-9, 2014
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May 14-15, 2014
West Hall, Olympia
London, UK

MEDTEC EUROPE
June 3-5, 2014
Messe Stuttgart
Stuttgart, GERMANY

MD&M EAST 2014
June 10-12, 2014
Jacob K. Javits Convention
Center, Booth 2119
New York, NY, USA

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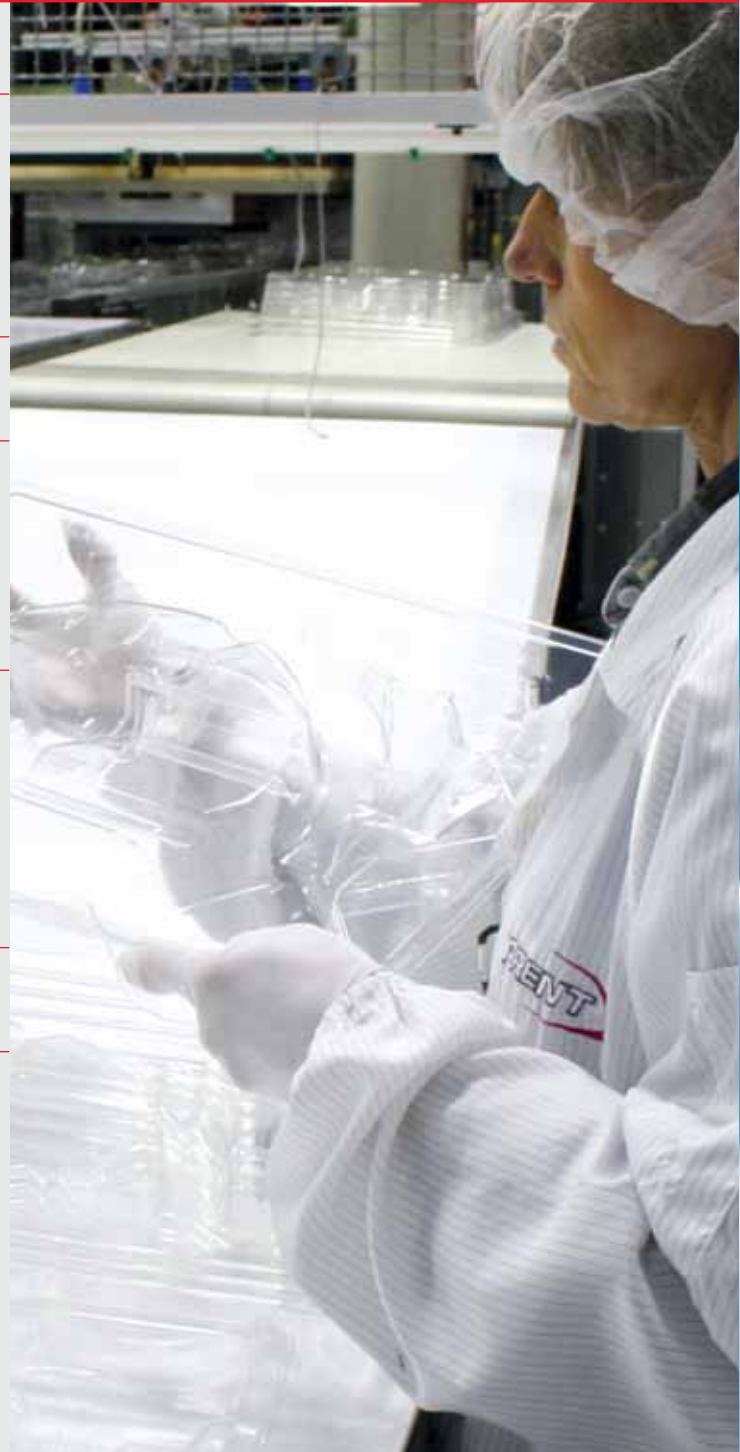
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