

## GLOBAL KEEPS GROWING

We are proud to announce a successful beginning and continued growth in 2008. This year, we are expanding our capacity in the manufacturing of composite utility poles by enhancing our equipment design to streamline production throughput and quality.

Global has also acquired KVT Technologies to provide us with key technologies that will help Global continue to grow our business within the plastic fuel tank industry.

We are pleased to announce our newest accomplishment, the "2008 Industry of The Year Award" from the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce as well as the 2008 Business Excellence Award from the Tilbury Chamber of Commerce. These awards reflect the dedication and skills of our entire workforce, and the strong support of our supplier partners - thanks to all of you for being part of our growth and success!



### A Powerful Alliance

The Global Group of Companies has aligned with **Radix Controls** and **Branson Ultrasonics Corporation** to secure our status as "The Company of Choice" for plastic joining machinery solutions and component products. For Global customers, this strategic alliance means exceptional quality, service and value.



### Introducing Global Service Solutions

Global's new Service Solutions Department is now ready to provide industry leading spare parts and service support for numerous plastic joining application technologies and equipment installations involving: Ultrasonics, Vibration Welding, Laser IRAM Welding, Hot Plate Welding, Spin Welding, Textile and Film Sealing, and Thermal Welding.

This new department is the result of Global's recent acquisition of the sole patent ownership of specific KVT Technologies (a subsidiary of *Branson Ultrasonics Corporation* and a division of *Emerson Electric Canada Limited*).

The Service Solutions Department's recent staff additions have strong product and process knowledge within the Automotive Plastic Fuel Tank industry. The addition of new staff and technology is enabling the Global Group of Companies to further broaden its expertise and level of service in support of the Plastic Fuel Tank segment.

We are always refining and further developing our services to support your needs - **Contact us** to discover more ways we can help solve your toughest tooling and automation challenges!

### Three Ways to Safeguard Your Supply Chain

In today's business environment, customers expect to receive an uninterrupted flow of goods and services. Disruption of the supply chain through the loss of supplier(s) can result in damages to a range of existing business processes including product quality and customer satisfaction. To help minimize the damage that loss of a supplier can cause your business, it's important to implement three key supply chain strategies:

- 1. Develop supplier selection criteria** as defined by a cross-functional team of representatives from your company. Criteria should include a supplier's level of experience and past performance with the product/service. The ability for a supplier to meet maximum capacity requirements and deliver products on schedule is also vital. As well, assessing the total cost of dealing with the supplier is an important element of the selection process.
- 2. Determine how well a potential supplier meets your criteria.** Obtain recently published financial reports, review databases or industry sources relating to the supplier and their product line, and evaluate samples through prototype or lab tests. Visiting the supplier and requesting a formal quote is important to ensure a good supplier match.
- 3. Finalize a strategy to identify alternate suppliers.** It is important to periodically update and review your supplier list to assess the "fit" of each supplier to a company's evolving business needs. Such reviews help businesses identify alternate suppliers and develop robust supply chain planning that properly addresses sudden supplier exits

Developing criteria for supplier selection with the flexibility to adjust to changes in the marketplace is critical to managing your supply chain. Global can provide customized business solutions to reinforce the links in your supply chain - **contact us** for details!



**Radix Controls** is a proven leader in cutting edge vision systems, which enhance quality and process control. As a Global customer, you can expect to receive turnkey systems that maximize the benefits of vision in order to meet production reliability, quality assurance and control requirements.



**Branson Ultrasonics Corporation** (a division of Emerson Electric) is an industry leader in plastic joining and metal welding technology, and offers a broad range of product solutions that ideally supplement Global's existing product line. Global's strategic alliance with Branson will enable both companies to make their best solutions available to customers. To learn more about these exciting solutions and innovative component products, please ask for our updated corporate profile or **contact us** directly to discuss your current challenges.

Visit our new corporate brochure to learn about our strategic manufacturing resources that will help your business compete more effectively. And check out our website for frequent updates on tooling & automation, painting and our other great services to help increase your business' productivity and efficiency.

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