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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *D&S Manufacturing to Acquire Simonds International, Plastic Knife Business*

**Auburn, MA. April 10, 2006** – D&S Manufacturing, a leading USA manufacturer of Plastic Granulator & Shredding Knives for the Plastics Industry, is pleased to announce the purchase of Simonds International, Plastic - Granulator and Shredder Knife Business.

The transaction will take place over the next 30 days. D&S Manufacturing and Simonds International will work closely together to ensure that the transition of all their Granulator and Shredder knife business goes smoothly, with no disruption of supply or service to either company's customers.

D&S Manufacturing, part of the Hardy Group of knife manufacturing companies, will transfer all Simonds Granulator and Shredder knife production to its Auburn, MA manufacturing location.

Graham Scarsbrook, President of D&S Manufacturing said: “ D&S Manufacturing has specialized for more than 60 years in manufacturing Granulator and Shredder knives for the Plastics Industry, and looks forward to integrating the Simonds business and its customers into our Auburn manufacturing plant to begin immediately. Plastic Granulator and Shredding knives is one of our core businesses, in which we will continue to make significant investments to ensure future growth and maintain our position as a leading manufacturer in this industry. This purchase also assures that the “made in USA” quality and range of products available to our customers will continue.

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