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**AMERICAN ELITE MOLDING FORMS NEW DIVISION TO BEGIN U.S.
PRODUCTION OF FILTER MATERIAL FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT**

American Elite Molding's new AE PPE Division is manufacturing melt blown polypropylene, the critical filter medium used in medical face masks and gowns, at its Crestview, FL facility

Crestview, FL . . . American Elite Molding, America's leading manufacturer of cable ties, proudly announces the start-up of AE PPE, a new melt blown polypropylene operation to address the dire need for U.S.-manufactured materials for the personal protective equipment (PPE) market in the United States.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the fact that the U.S. supply and quality of personal protective equipment, critical to America, is controlled by offshore manufacturers, and the risks of that have become apparent as widespread delays and shortages have occurred. AEM is regaining control of this crucial safety product by locating its own manufacturing source and supply chain in the U.S.

AE PPE will be America's trusted manufacturing source for melt blown polypropylene, the critical filter medium used in medical face masks and gowns. AE PPE melt blown filter material will be made from U.S.-sourced and manufactured polypropylene that AE PPE is processing into filter material. AE PPE is doing this with equipment that is designed, manufactured, and machined in the USA with advanced techniques used in our domestic high tech industries.

AE PPE is currently taking orders for deliveries of the melt blown filter material in bulk and custom cut rolls for shipment beginning in September of this year. To order, call Ty Whitacre at 1-260-438-4491 or email ty@aem-ties.com.

"We are proud to be an American manufacturer that produces more than 1.5 billion cable ties in the United States utilizing American-made raw material and supplies. We have proven ourselves to be highly competitive with manufacturers in China and other offshore locations," said American Elite Molding Founder and CEO Robert Sires. "Now we have the ability to provide American-made products for the medical and personal protective equipment that our front line

healthcare providers are so dependent upon. Our production lines are staffed by Americans who are committed to manufacturing the highest quality filter material for U.S. mask-making and other medical and personal protective needs. We believe that during this crisis, it's vital for the U.S. to secure a reliable, sustainable source of PPE material supply for critical healthcare needs, and for Americans to buy from U.S. businesses to support our economy and our workers. This new initiative delivers on both counts.”

Celebrating its 22nd anniversary, American Elite Molding is America's leading manufacturer of nylon cable ties. Located in Crestview, Florida, its state-of-the-art ISO 9001-certified facility operates 24/7/365 and boasts the most advanced production processes in the U.S. AEM offers an extensive line of cable ties in a variety of lengths, tensile strengths, and colors, plus accessories such as mounting pads and cable clamps. American Elite Molding's specialty products include EZ-Off™ ties, releasable ties, custom-printed ties, and HVAC duct straps. All cable ties use virgin nylon 6/6 to guarantee superior quality and are UL Listed and Mil-Spec approved, including UL 62275 Type 21S. Every cable tie and fastener AEM makes uses materials that are 100% made in America from start to finish. Vydyn® PA66 is entirely manufactured in America by Ascend Performance Materials and is designed to perform in the toughest environments. AEM maintains a full inventory of all cable ties for Just-in-Time delivery from regional stocking locations to its national distributor network. American Elite Molding is committed to continuous improvement in quality and service in all areas. The company focuses on customer success as well as satisfaction, and all American Elite Molding products are backed by a 100% satisfaction guarantee. For more information, call 1-888-463-3454, visit www.AmericanEliteMolding.com, or find AEM on Facebook.

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