

## PRESS RELEASE



### **IPEX Makes Major Investment in State-of-the-Art Molding Plant** *New manufacturing facility is technological flagship for IPEX and industry*

Pineville, North Carolina, July 21, 2021 – IPEX is excited to announce a major investment in a new state-of-the-art injection molding plant to be built in Pineville, North Carolina. The new facility will encompass Industry 4.0, including artificial intelligence, and will significantly increase the company's ability to manufacture fittings for plumbing, electrical, industrial, and municipal applications.

The nearly 200,000 square foot manufacturing facility is being custom designed and built and will become the technological flagship for the company's operations and one of the most advanced plastics manufacturing facilities in the industry. The plant's flexible automation capabilities will enable total automation for all facets of sorting, labelling, counting, packing and assembly.

To ensure world-class safety results from day one, the facility will incorporate industry-leading health and safety best practices. The plant's automation capabilities will eliminate the majority of manual repetitive processes and tasks, and the production floor will be forklift-free, with vehicles auto-guided by artificial intelligence, increasing plant safety. Also, with sustainability in mind, the plant will be fully climate-controlled, use energy-efficient lighting, and high efficiency machines to reduce the use of both electricity and water.

Given the importance that IPEX places on innovating to create new products and ideas to fulfil customer needs, the plant layout will also provide IPEX with space for testing and prototyping a great number of new products already in development.

This new facility will increase production capacity substantially and will provide new career and job opportunities, with the expectation to hire more than 150 people from the local area. The plant's use of Industry 4.0 will increase the need for supervisory, technical, and quality control positions.

"This new plant is an exciting endeavour for IPEX, our customers, employees, and the surrounding community. It is an integral part of our continued growth plans in North America," said Alex Mestres, IPEX's Chief Executive Officer. "This level of investment in new technologies, cloud connectivity and flexible automation will make this plant a learning showcase for the rest of our operations and will allow us to better serve our customers with added flexibility, response time and innovative products."

Construction of IPEX's ground-breaking facility is expected to be finalized in late 2022 with full operations expected to start in early 2023. Once the project is completed, the Pineville site which includes an existing molding facility, will be home to nearly 100 injection molding machines, IPEX's biggest molding complex.

IPEX has announced significant expansion plans this year. The Pineville manufacturing plant is the company's fourth new facility announcement in 2021, following three new distribution centres in Garland, Texas in the US, and in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in Canada.

*Photo Caption: 3D architectural drawings of IPEX's state-of-the-art molding plant in Pineville, North Carolina*



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### **About IPEX**

IPEX is an Aliaxis Company who provides a comprehensive range of thermoplastic piping systems to North American customers in the municipal, irrigation, industrial, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and telecommunication sectors. With state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and distribution centers across North America, IPEX has established a reputation for end-user focus, product innovation, quality and performance. For more information on IPEX, please visit: [www.ipexna.com](http://www.ipexna.com)

### **About Aliaxis**

Aliaxis is a global leader in advanced piping systems for building, infrastructure, industrial and agriculture applications. The company provides communities around the world with sustainable innovative solutions for water and energy, leading the industry in a way that anticipates the rapidly evolving needs of its customers and of society. With a global workforce of 14,000+ employees, Aliaxis offers specific solutions that meet our customers' most demanding needs across the globe. Aliaxis is active through leading local brands and operating in over 40 countries, combining local solutions with global innovation and operational excellence. The company is privately owned, with its global headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

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