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## **WISCONSIN PLASTICS FIRM AND ITS COFOUNDER RECOGNIZED FOR INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLDWIDE PLASTICS INDUSTRY**

**CHICAGO** - - A Sheboygan Falls plastics company took center stage during a ceremony last night during the National Plastics Exposition (NPE 2006) in Chicago when one of its top executives was inducted into The Plastics Hall of Fame. Peter F. Bemis, co-owner, executive vice president and secretary of Bemis Manufacturing Company, and president of its Contract Group, was honored with inclusion in The Plastics Hall of Fame Class of 2006.

"I congratulate Peter Bemis and Bemis Manufacturing Company on being recognized for their excellence and leadership in the plastics manufacturing industry," said Governor Jim Doyle. "Bemis Manufacturing Company is an example of a great, innovative Wisconsin company, and I speak on behalf of the entire state when I say that we are proud of Bemis and their presence in Wisconsin."

Forward Wisconsin, the state's business marketing group, is currently exhibiting at NPE 2006, along with 50 other Wisconsin plastics-related firms at McCormick Place. The event runs through Friday, June 23 and it is the largest international plastics show of the year, featuring 100,000 registrants from more than 100 countries, and 2000 exhibiting companies.

"Induction into The Plastics Hall of Fame is one of the industry's top individual honors," said Forward Wisconsin President Pepi Randolph. "We are thrilled that Peter Bemis and Bemis Manufacturing Company are being recognized while we are here in Chicago because it again illustrates the leadership of Wisconsin's plastics industry."

Bemis Manufacturing Company (BemisMfg.com), a leading plastic molder and extruder employing over 2200 people worldwide, is known throughout the industry for its innovative processing techniques and its expertise in coinjection and other advanced molding processes. The company frequently takes a leading role in industry efforts, including sponsoring the activities of the National Plastics Center's PlastiVan educational program. PlastiVan is an outreach effort for kids around the country that educates them on the value of plastics in our society.

The Plastics Hall of Fame celebration took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton and Towers on the evening of June 19. The Plastics Hall of Fame inducted Peter Bemis and seven other members at the celebration, including Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric. Charlene Begley, GE Plastics president and chief executive officer, gave the keynote speech at the event.

The Plastics Hall of Fame was established in 1972 to honor significant contributors to the plastics industry. The hall is administered by the Plastics Academy and members are commemorated in an exhibit at the National Plastics Center in Leominster, Massachusetts. New living inductees are elected every three years by a majority vote of the living members, with a provision for posthumous induction in between NPEs.

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