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## Progress & Plastics: How Inteplast Integrates Sustainable Practices

**R**ecycling continues to be an important focus in sustainable manufacturing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and plastics is one of the most commonly used materials in both industrial and commercial production today. As Inteplast Group celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> year as a leader in the plastics industry, incorporating recycled resin into its products fortifies its position as a progressive North American manufacturer.

Through a joint venture with Ontario-based EFS-Plastics, Inteplast is taking part in the production of high-quality post-consumer resin and, in turn, manufacturing eco-friendly can liners at its existing facilities using this recycled resin. EFS-Plastics, which stands for Environmentally Friendly Solutions Plastics, is a leading player in the post-consumer recycling and processing landscape in North America. The company was recently featured on Science Channel's "Made by Destruction" for its ability to provide post-consumer recycled resin to companies in need of sustainable solutions across many markets.

Through these efforts, distributors, customers and end users will benefit from the far-reaching impacts of eco-friendly practices. For example, institutions seeking Leadership in

Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) credits can employ Inteplast's EcoStrong Plus™ can liners, made with a minimum of 10 percent post-consumer resin. Also, the complementary line of EcoStrong™ bags comprises up to 70 percent combined post-consumer and post-industrial resin.

Another Inteplast joint venture making strides in sustainable manufacturing is 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics, located in Holiday City, Ohio. Specializing in structural foam molding, 20/20 delivers products such as the innovative pickup truck storage system for its customer DECKED, LLC, made from 100 percent recycled high-density polyethylene. Drivers can store tools, equipment, sports or hunting gear securely in the flatbed of a pickup truck and the system is strong enough to support 2,000 pounds in cargo.

Inteplast LEED-certified can liners and its manufacturing of the DECKED system are only a small portion of the advancements made by the company in sustainable manufacturing. As retailers and distributors aim to serve a more environmentally aware consumer, Inteplast continues to support innovative applications that make life easier and environmentally balanced. 