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## **ELITE PLASTICS CELEBRATES 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN BEAVERTON**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Elite Plastics recently celebrated 20 years at their current location on Millikan Way in Beaverton. Previously named Danegon Plastics, the company was started in 1985 by Dan Thurmond and Egon Steinborn. The business was originally housed inside a barn, two horse stalls, and two storage containers with a makeshift roof built in between. When this space became too small, Thurmond purchased a large army tent to support expansion. As the business grew, Danegon Plastics began to supply GM Nameplate (GMN) with injection-molded nameplates and other products. GMN purchased Danegon Plastics in 1995, rebranded it as Elite Plastics and moved it into a new facility in Beaverton where it still resides today.

“The city is proud that Elite Plastics has called Beaverton home for 20 years,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “It is an honor to have a company of this caliber performing advanced manufacturing right here in our city with such an impressive product portfolio.”

“I have been involved with the plastics industry for 51 years and can honestly say I am working with the best people in our industry,” said Dan Thurmond, president of Elite Plastics. “I love seeing our parts in cars, aircrafts, hospitals, appliances and many other devices we use every day. I am proud to be part of a US company which has made a positive impact in so many areas. Beaverton has been a great city for us to conduct our business and we plan to do so for at least another 20 years.”

Elite Plastics has come a long way since the 1980s. Today, the company is recognized as a leader in servicing highly-regulated industries with comprehensive injection and compression molded products, sub-assemblies, highly decorated parts and plastic machining. From its 60,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility in Beaverton, Elite Plastics serves the medical, automotive, aerospace and industrial industries. After 20 years, the company has grown to 150 employees and continues to expand. Dan Thurmond still leads Elite Plastics as its president, and recently won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbia River section of the Society of Plastics Engineers for his executive leadership and decades of accomplishments in the industry.

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**Caption 1:** Elite Plastics has been located on SW Millikan Way in Beaverton for 20 years. Originally called Danegon Plastics, the company was purchased in 1995 by GM Nameplate. *(Photo/Elite Plastics)*

**Caption 2:** Elite Plastics is celebrating their 20th anniversary of calling Beaverton home. With more than 150 employees, the company continues to expand. *(Photo/Elite Plastics)*