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## **Progressive Components is named one of Plastics News' "Best Places to Work"**

**Wauconda, IL** – May 1, 2017 – Industrial supplier Progressive Components, based in Wauconda, Illinois, was recently named one of twelve “Best Places to Work” by Crain Communications publication, Plastics News. Then at the publications annual Executive Forum in Naples, Florida, on March 28, 2017, Progressive ranked in the first runner-up spot amongst the twelve finalists.

Plastics News' “Best Places to Work” award is a survey driven competition designed to identify which participants are the best employers in the North American plastics industry. Managed by Best Companies Group (BCG), an independent research firm that specializes in identifying and recognizing great places to work, the assessment process includes two separate and very detailed surveys focused on Employer Benefits and Policies and Employee Engagement and Satisfaction respectively.

“We are proud to have received this recognition on behalf of all on our team for everyone's work on creating a positive and engaged culture,” stated Don Starkey, co-owner and chairman of Progressive Components. “All of the finalists are exceptional companies, and being named first runner up only further encourages us to continuously improve.”

With the goal to be the leading tooling component resource for their customers and partners, it is the mission of Progressive Components to make a lasting, positive impact upon the industry through a high level of connectivity, satisfaction and trust. To achieve this, the company must start with a team of dedicated, goal-oriented employees, and for the past 27 years, Progressive's owners have been committed to developing a culture based on defined core values that embodies a “Work Hard, Play Hard” philosophy.

Progressive Components' employees are rewarded with an outstanding benefits package that includes Medical, Dental, Short and Long-Term Disability, Paid Time Off (PTO) and Holiday Pay, Profit & Revenue Program (PAR), Tuition Reimbursement, a Wellness Program that promotes healthful well-being, Professional Services, Maternity and Paternity Leave, a special “Grandparent's Day”, various employee appreciation programs, fun Summer Picnics, exquisite Holiday Parties, and more.

In addition to working hard, and playing hard, the company believes in giving back to their communities. In 2003, Progressive Components established STAR Charities, a nonprofit organization that coordinates various food, clothing and supply drives which generate between \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year for recipients such as local food pantries, veterans, families, schools, and other nonprofit groups. STAR is completely volunteer based, employee-led and employee-driven, and hosts several annual events throughout the community.

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Progressive Components International Corporation is a global developer and distributor of components, software, and monitoring systems for the plastic injection mold and molding industry. Based in Wauconda Illinois, additional locations and teams are located in California, South Carolina, Singapore, Portugal, England and Germany.