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Secretary of Commerce Visits Dyplast

United States Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross visited Dyplast last Thursday bringing together 9 South Florida manufacturers, the South Florida Manufacturer's Association (SFMA) and FloridaMakes to discuss ways in which apprenticeship programs and on-the-job training can be designed to be more skill-focused, and provide hire-ready individuals with relevant skills needed to be gainfully employed in the manufacturing industry. South Florida is home to approximately 19,000 Florida manufacturers that are thriving in this economy despite the lack of workforce talent available that can read a ruler or possess the language or soft skills needed to fill jobs.

The event was hosted by Dyplast at its Miami facility as part of a Manufacturers Industry Roundtable Event sponsored by the South Florida Manufacturing Association. Opening remarks were presented by Ted Berglund, President & CEO of Dyplast followed by Matt Rocco, President of the SFMA who shared insights on how collectively the association and its members are handling the talent shortage and skill training revamp that's needed.

The interactive discussion led by Department of Commerce Secretary Ross invited manufacturers to share ways in which manufacturers could use existing resources, that with some fine-tuning, could be expanded to impart the greatest impact in workforce development. Secretary Ross also asked about activities that the industry could partake in to attract younger talent in manufacturing. Among the ideas offered, the dialogue centered around creating a manufacturing-focused certification program, establishing an open house forum for counselors and parents to attend manufacturing facilities, streamlining the time in takes to have an apprentice program approved from eight-months to two-months, and even considered the possibility of expanding the already federally funded Job Corps program to establish a machinist apprenticeship program within their purview.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to represent our perspectives on the workforce development within our industry, not only within the Southeast but Nationally.

About Dyplast Products:

Headquartered in Miami, FL, Dyplast has been a leading manufacturer of polyisocyanurate (a modified polyurethane) and expanded polystyrene products - including innovative and cost-saving pipe and equipment insulation, sheet/block insulation, and leading-edge products for the composites industry. Insulation solutions include an array of low temperature applications such as cryogenic, chilled water, refrigeration, low temperature steam, and hot process lines. Additionally, our insulation sheets are ideal for insulated metal panels, architectural panels, and specialty applications.

Our primary insulation products include polyisocyanurate (ISO-C1® and ISO-HT®) in multiple densities and expanded polystyrene lines. Our Composite-related products are offered within our ISO-CF® brand, again in multiple densities. Dyplast has clients across the globe in industries ranging from energy (e.g. liquid natural gas), petrochemical, pharmaceutical, refrigeration, cold storage, building construction and cooling, transportation, marine and more.

Headquartered in Miami, we have a long heritage, a superb reputation, and are staffed by a strong team with an average tenure of over 18 years. Dyplast' industry leadership and firm financial foundation empowers our company to leverage a broad product mix as well as expanded market presence beyond cold insulation, and into composite applications.