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GF Central Plastics expands metals production with new LEED Gold Facility in Shawnee, Oklahoma

Shawnee, OK – October 30, 2025 – GF Central Plastics, a leader in advanced plastics and metals solutions for the gas utility industry, is proud to announce the opening of its new 150,000 sq. ft. metals manufacturing facility in Shawnee, Oklahoma. This expansion supports the separation of metals and plastics production, enhances operational efficiency, and positions GF for continued growth in the natural gas sector.

GF Central Plastics currently operates a 500,000 sq. ft. production, manufacturing, and sales facility in Shawnee, where both metals and plastics portfolios have historically been produced. The new metals facility, located on Wolverine Road, will house the production of natural gas meter sets, risers, and transition fittings. This move provides much-needed space at the original location to expand the plastics portfolio, while the new facility allows room for future metals growth.

Project Timeline Highlights of the New Facility:

- **Plant Design and Engineering:** October 2023 – December 2024
- **Construction:** January 2024 – September 2025
- **Occupancy Granted:** September 15, 2025
- **Relocation and Installation of Metals Equipment:** September 2025 – March 2026
- **Project Completion:** April 1, 2026

The grand opening ceremony on October 17, 2025, welcomed approximately 200 attendees, including employees, state and city officials, construction partners, and community leaders. Featured speakers included Bryan Lucas, President and Managing Director of GF Central Plastics; James Jackson, Head of Business Unit Americas (GF); Eric Stephens, Mayor of Shawnee; and John Budd, CEO of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Construction partners for this project included TAP Architecture, Entegriy Energy Partners, Coalign Group, Cedar Creek Inc., and Evans General Contractors.

Significantly, the new metals facility has earned **LEED Gold certification**, making GF Central Plastics one of only two manufacturers in Oklahoma to achieve this prestigious rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Together, GF Central Plastics' Shawnee facilities employ approximately **1,000 people**, reinforcing the company's commitment to supporting local employment while delivering high-quality solutions for the gas utility industry.

“This expansion represents a strategic investment in our metals and plastics operations, allowing us to better serve our customers in the natural gas sector while continuing to innovate sustainably,” said Bryan Lucas, President and Managing Director of GF Central Plastics. “Achieving LEED Gold certification underscores our commitment to responsible growth and to the Shawnee community that has supported us for more than six decades.”

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Corporate Profile

GF, with a rich history in industrial innovation since 1802, is actively reshaping itself to become the global leader in Flow Solutions for Industry, Infrastructure and Buildings. GF delivers Excellence in Flow through essential products and solutions that enable the safe and sustainable transport of fluids worldwide. As part of its strategic transformation, GF divested GF Machining Solutions on 30 June 2025 and has signed an agreement to divest its GF Casting Solutions division. Headquartered in Switzerland, GF employs about 15'700 professionals and is present in 46 countries. GF generated sales of CHF 4'776 million in 2024. GF is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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The opening of GF Central Plastics' new 150,000 sq. ft. metals manufacturing facility in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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