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The Protomold Company Named to Deloitte's Technology Fast 50 Rankings of Minnesota Companies

MINNEAPOLIS — Aug. 19, 2004 — The Protomold Company Inc. has been named to Deloitte's prestigious Technology Fast 50 for Minnesota companies, recognizing Protomold® as one of the 50 fastest-growing technology companies in Minnesota. The ranking is based on the percentage of growth in fiscal-year revenue over five years, from 1999 to 2003. Protomold, the pioneer of rapid injection molding technology, uses proprietary software that combines 3-D computer-aided design with high-speed CNC machining equipment to quickly manufacture prototype and low-volume production parts, dramatically reducing the time and cost associated with traditional plastic injection molding.

"The companies on Deloitte's Minnesota Technology Fast 50 list have shown confidence, persistence and passion for success," said Ron Hafner, partner, Deloitte's Minneapolis office. "We applaud Protomold and acknowledge its place among other leading Minnesota technology companies."

To qualify for the Technology Fast 50 list, companies must have obtained operating revenues of at least \$50,000 in 1999 and \$1 million in 2003, must be headquartered in Minnesota, and must own proprietary technology that contributes a significant portion to revenue and/or invest significant income in research and development. This is the first year Protomold has been included on the list and the first year it was eligible for consideration.

"It's an honor to be recognized by Deloitte for our strong performance over the last five years," said Bradley Cleveland, president and CEO, The Protomold Company. "Our steady growth has been a result of a great business vision by founder Larry Lukis, the value our customers see in reducing their time to market, and an outstanding team effort by all employees."

Protomold leases 43,000-square feet of warehouse and office space in Maple Plain, Minn., and employs over 70 full-time personnel.

About The Protomold Company

The Protomold Company has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with prototype and low-volume production of injection molded parts. Its defined market segment, rapid injection molding, is positioned between rapid prototyping and conventional high-volume injection molding. Protomold® is privately held and headquartered in Maple Plain, Minn. Further information can be found online at www.protomold.com.

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