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***The Business Journal* Recognizes The Protomold Company as the Twin Cities' Fastest-Growing Private Company**

MINNEAPOLIS — Nov. 8, 2004 — The Protomold Company Inc. announced today it has been recognized by *The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* as the fastest-growing private company in the Twin Cities, based on revenue growth over the past three years. Ranked number one on *The Business Journal's* 2004 "Growth 50" list, Protomold's revenue has grown 463 percent over the past three years.

"This is a huge achievement for our company, attributable primarily to the value our customers find in using our services to reduce their time to market," said Bradley Cleveland, president and CEO, The Protomold Company. "We credit our founder, Larry Lukis, for his great vision, as well as our employees, for their talent and wonderful performance. Being the Twin Cities' fastest-growing private company demonstrates the value of our rapid injection molding process to our customers."

Protomold is the pioneer of rapid injection molding technology, which uses proprietary software to combine 3-D computer-aided design (CAD) with high-speed CNC machining equipment, enabling the company to quickly manufacture prototype and low-volume production parts. Using rapid injection molding, Protomold can dramatically reduce the time and cost associated with conventional plastic injection molding by as much as two-thirds.

The Growth 50 list includes a diverse range of companies, including banks, general contractors, manufacturers, med-tech, mortgage lenders, online education, retail and technology. To be included on the Growth 50 list, eligible companies in the Twin Cities must be privately held and have at least \$1 million in revenue in the first of the three most-recent fiscal years, with progressive growth in the subsequent two years.

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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[®], a privately held company headquartered in Maple Plain, Minn., operates 43,000-square feet of leased warehouse and office space and employs more than 75 full-time personnel. Further information can be found online at www.protomold.com.

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