

Ladtech buys Little Falls site

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LITTLE FALLS — A Lino Lakes-based company that specializes in plastic components for constructing manholes has bought the former Integrated Molding Concepts building in Little Falls.

Ladtech Manufacturing Inc. bought the building in January.

The company specializes in using polyethylene from milk jugs and other recycled products, said Lana Wiedrich, who owns Ladtech with her husband, Dwight.

The company makes two products it markets to public works departments and road-building contractors.

One is a plastic ring that helps level the surface where the road meets a manhole cover, and the other is a product that lays across the manhole cover to prevent paving asphalt from sticking the manhole covers to their frames.

Dwight Wiedrich invented and patented the two products, Lana Wiedrich said.

The company previously molded products at the Integrated Molding Concepts facility, which was also known as Monarch Plastics. Ladtech for the last four months has leased the building.

Ladtech Manufacturing stresses being a green business, and it welcomes opportunities to partner with the public to expand its high-quality injection molding process, Lana Wiedrich said.

The 36,000-square-foot Ladtech facility has 19 injection molding machines, she said.

About 60 percent of its business is molding for Ladtech Inc., which also is a company owned by Lana and Dwight Wiedrich.

“That (ratio) can change, and that’s what we’d like to do,” she said.

The company’s Web site is www.ladtech.com.