

Elyria company to double work force after acquisition



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EMC Precision Machining, 145 Northrup St, will double its staff after buying Biddle Precision Components.

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ELYRIA — EMC Precision Machining acquired Sheridan, Ind.-based Biddle Precision Components on Wednesday, in a deal that EMC President Brad Ohlemacher said will increase production capacity at the Elyria-based EMC.

“It broadens our base, expands our capabilities and makes us better able to serve our customers at a

greater level,” Ohlemacher said.

EMC is a family-owned company that has been in business since 1925 and produces high-complexity, close-tolerance precision manufactured parts and assemblies, the company said in a news release announcing the Biddle deal. Ohlemacher declined to say how much EMC paid.

Ohlemacher said EMC currently has 44 workers, and adding Biddle’s

employees will roughly double its work force.

“We will quickly leverage the synergies between EMC Precision and Biddle to build on our strong market position,” EMC CEO Jeff Ohlemacher said in the news release. “We have, and will continue to invest in processes, capacity, technology and training to ensure that we remain strong as the economy begins to recover.”

Brad Ohlemacher said the acquisition of Biddle will allow EMC to not only expand the amount of product it puts out, but also offer new products and bring some processes that previously had been out-sourced to other companies in-house.

He said additional jobs could be created in the future by the deal, which has been in the works since late last year.

“We’re very excited for growth for both our plants in Elyria and in Indiana,” Brad Ohlemacher said.

EMC was in the national spotlight earlier this year when President Barack Obama toured the plant and met with the Ohlemachers during his January visit to Elyria as part of his “White House to Main Street Tour.”

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