

TMD OPENS FOR INITIAL OPERATIONS

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BELOIT— The Toledo Molding and Die (TMD) facility in Beloit began initial operations in mid-February, according to a company official.

Beloit plant manager Vince MacFadden said that the facility, located off Willowbrook Road in Beloit, is currently in sampling mode.

The facility supplies the interior hard trim components for the Jeep Cherokee for the Fiat Chrysler plant in Belvidere, Illinois. This includes the plastic interior parts in the vehicle excluding those related to the instrument panel, the doors, the console and the seats.

TMD is scheduled to start producing small amounts of the parts for FCA on May 15. The schedule will then be ramped up through September to be at full production mode, with three shifts per day and five days per week.

As of Thursday, MacFadden said the facility has 46 associates with an expected 72 additional associates coming on board between now and August for a total of 118 positions at the plant. MacFadden declined to comment further.

In a previous article of the Beloit Daily News, TMD President/CEO Steve Ciucci said TMD could have kept production in Ohio but decided to save millions of dollars in shipping costs. It's also possible FCA would've found another supplier closer to the Belvidere plant. TMD is currently only hiring for the demand of Fiat Chrysler.

Another reason why TMD selected Beloit is that Hendricks Commercial Properties (HCP) was already constructing a speculative building, which means that HCP began constructing a building without having a potential tenant in mind. The project was too fast-track to do anything else.



BDN file photo Initial operations at the Toledo Molding and Die facility in Beloit began in mid February.

