



Vesta Announces Silicone Kink-Resistant Tubing Manufacturing Capabilities

FRANKLIN, Wis., Feb. 9, 2010 — Vesta is pleased to announce the introduction of a new technology to produce medical-grade silicone kink-resistant tubing, adding to its long list of ExtruMed™ precision extrusion solutions. The new technology represents a significant improvement over current manufacturing methods as a result of its proprietary manufacturing platform, enabling the creation of kink-resistant tubing in an integrated manufacturing process.

The new kink-resistant tubing manufacturing process has been under development for more than 12 months under the leadership of Vesta's R&D manager, Bill Woinowski. The tubing consists of a silicone inner and outer layer, with an imbedded reinforcing member with a spiral wind the length of the extrusion. Vesta's original development samples have shown strong process capability at 1.5mm ID, and samples of the new tubing were on display at the MD&M West show in Anaheim, Calif.

Woinowski said, "This new technology will offer our customers a cost advantage over current product designs while significantly increasing product performance and reducing the risk of product failure." Vesta expects to support customer demand with requests ranging from approximately 1mm up to 6mm ID, and does not have limitations with respect to durometer or tensile member requirements. For more information, please visit www.vestainc.com, or contact Vesta directly at 414-423-0550.

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