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## Humtown Products Wins 2020 Manufacturer of the Year from The National Association of Manufacturers

Columbiana, OH, October 20, 2020 – The foundry industry is one of the most ancient trades on earth, and until recently has been practiced much the same way as it has been for centuries. Disruptive innovation has been brought to the industry by Humtown Products, who has recently been selected as the 2020 Manufacturer of the Year by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) in the small to medium enterprise category.

In making this selection, NAM's panel of expert judges cited Humtown's utilization and commercialization of 3D printing. Humtown has led an industry-wide transformation in bringing 3D printing to foundries, becoming one of the world's leaders in 3D sand additive manufacturing.

"We stand on the shoulders of giants," said Humtown CEO and President Mark Lamoncha. "Our fabric of success is woven with longstanding relationships and partnerships. I am beyond grateful to Humtown's team of industrial athletes, as well as to Youngstown State University, Youngstown Business Incubator, America Makes, University of Northern Iowa, Columbiana County Port Authority, TCI Financial, Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, and many others, for their help on this journey to Manufacturer of the Year."

As a manufacturing company for over 50 years, Humtown Products is a family-owned business specializing in the manufacturing of sand cores and molds. Humtown then supplies these sand cores and molds to foundries all around the world, which in turn produce parts and equipment for OEMs to use in agriculture, construction, mining, national defense, public utilities and transportation.

"At Humtown, we are the industry's first conventional sand core and mold manufacturer to commercialize 3D printing," said Brandon Lamoncha, Humtown's Director of Additive Manufacturing. "Adopting this new toolingless technology has revolutionized our capabilities

and expanded the markets and customers we can serve. It has been a long, arduous road to get where we are today, which makes this honor all the more welcome."

Traditionally, the metal casting process involves creating a tool or pattern to create the sand core and mold. However, with 3D printing technology, Humtown can skip the tooling stage entirely, printing the sand core and mold through software commands without any tooling.

Humtown was also awarded High Achiever in the category of 'Engineering and Production Technology Leadership,' standing out among other nominees such as international industry giants Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Merck & Co., and Siemens Energy.

"The need for digital transformation in manufacturing is more urgent than ever, and these companies and leaders are examples of some of the best," said Manufacturing Leadership Council Co-Founder, Vice President, and Executive Director David R. Brousell. "I commend this year's winners for their noteworthy accomplishments and for continuing to expand what is possible."

In addition to additive manufacturing, Humtown Products also utilizes a conventional process of manufacturing to help meet the needs of customers around the world.

The National Association of Manufacturers is the largest manufacturing association in the United States. Earlier this year, Humtown received two NAM Manufacturing Leadership Awards for their outstanding achievement in two categories: Engineering and Production Technology Leadership and Talent Management Leadership.

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