



Grand Rapids, MI

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General Die and Engineering has been acquired by ArtiCast Tool and Manufacturing, LLC, a member of the ArtiFlex Manufacturing family of companies. GD&E is a well-respected leader in the engineering and manufacturing of large complex high pressure die cast dies, plastic injection molds, as well as other mold tooling, and is located in Grand Rapids, MI. This strategic move will enhance ArtiFlex capabilities, expand product offerings, and strengthen its position in the market.

General Die & Engineering will continue to be led by Chuck Kukulis whose team brings with them a wealth of expertise, and deep knowledge that enables the use of large complex castings. ArtiFlex CEO, Erin Hoffmann stated, "By joining forces, we're positioned to provide even greater value to our customers, especially with the ability to build die cast dies for large high pressure die cast aluminum, magnesium and molded structural parts. The structure of the vehicle of the future, both EV and Hybrid, is likely a combination of stamping and castings. We're excited to accelerate that transition and help OEMs drive innovation."

The ArtiFlex team is excited to add the engineering talent, capabilities and technologies of GD&E to further enable mass and cost optimized closure and structural assemblies for future vehicles. The ArtiFlex team will continue to innovate in process, tooling, and manufacturing through its uniquely collaborative business model.

### **About ArtiFlex Manufacturing**

ArtiFlex is a leading provider of design & innovation, engineering, tooling, automation, and manufacturing solutions of metal stamping and assemblies in North America. As a strategic vertically integrated supplier, the groups align and can work together to bring a start-to-finish service to customers. With over 600 employees and nine locations in Michigan and Ohio, ArtiFlex is positioned to support the OEMs and large tier-ones with a variety of innovative products and services, including Class-A surface stamping dies and production with a specialty in low-volume niche products. ArtiFlex has grown substantially over the past three years and established an ESOP in 2024. ArtiFlex is a well-funded entity and is actively seeking additional strategic growth opportunities. To learn more, visit [www.ArtiFlexMfg.com](http://www.ArtiFlexMfg.com)

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