



## PMMDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### Company Details

Company name		
Company address		
Tel. No.		
Website		
Year of incorporation		
Bank details	Account name	
	Account no.	
	Sort code	

### Contact Details

Primary Contact	
Contact No.	
Email address	
Position held	

### Business Activity

Primary business activity	
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The Polymer Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association Ltd is a non-profit making company, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Each member's liability, in the event of winding up is currently limited to a sum NOT EXCEEDING the then current subscription. There is no entrance fee, but membership applications are first submitted to all existing members who have the right to place in writing to the Committee, by the notified date, any objections to the application. A committee member or nominee usually visits applicants by appointment so that his/her report is available at the time the application is considered.

Would you have any objections to such a visit? Yes / No

Membership is vested in the company and not in the individual making the application. A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the PMMDA Ltd will be supplied to each company at the AGM following admission to membership.

The annual subscription is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. The Committee is empowered to review the subscription and members are normally notified of any change at least two months before the end of a financial year.

I have read the above and confirm that my company will do its utmost to maintain the standards of quality, service and fair trading established by the PMMDA. We trust that based upon the information we have supplied and a visit to our company premises, our application for membership will be successful.

Signed..... Dated.....

Position.....

**On completion please return to:**

Nikki Williams, Committee Secretary  
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Tel. 07729 956487

**Or post your application to:**

PMMDA  
PO Box 6310  
Rugby, Warwickshire  
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## **INCORPORATION**

The PMMDA was first incorporated on the 1st June 1966 by eight founder members. The PMMDA is the only UK organisation solely concerned with the interests of polymer machinery manufacturers and distributors. It is a registered company, limited by guarantee and without share capital.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The main aims of the PMMDA, as outlined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, are: -The promotion and advancement of the common interests of firms and companies engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of machinery for the plastics and allied industries and to promote co-operation and unity of purpose between them in the conduct of their business. -The exchange of information and ideas regarding the manufacture, sale and distribution of machinery with a view to improving standards of quality. -The encouragement of fair-trading and the maintenance of a high standard of quality and service by manufacturers and distributors of polymer processing machinery. -The co-operation and entering into arrangements with national authorities, exhibition promoters and other associations or persons on any matters which can benefit the PMMDA or its Members.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

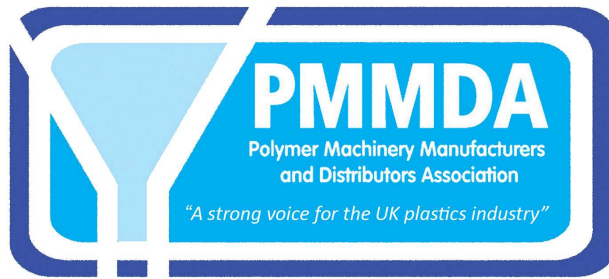
The Membership collectively account for more than 75 per cent of all plastics plant and machinery sold in the UK. The PMMDA is a partnership in which each Member Company has equal rights. The Membership is vested in the Company and not in the member nominated to represent the Company. A Company's application, which must be tendered on the official form, is then discussed by the current Committee. The Committee then takes its decision whether or not to accept the company into membership. The right is reserved for a member of the Committee or its' nominee to visit the premises of a potential member before the company's application is accepted.

## **COMMITTEE**

The management of the PMMDA is vested in an Executive Committee consisting of representatives from six member companies, elected annually by members at the AGM. Senior members of the Association and the Committee Chairman appoint a President to serve for four years and his appointment is ratified by the Committee and confirmed by the AGM. Positions on the Committee include Health & Safety Representative, Treasurer, Secretary and of course Chairman.

## **QUALIFYING COMPANIES**

Qualifying Companies must be suppliers, agents, distributors or subsidiaries - or British manufacturers of plastics processing machinery and/or ancillary equipment, selling to the UK market and overseas. Membership is only open to UK and Ireland based companies. The Committee has recently made changes to membership policy to include an affiliate membership for service users – 'Business Partner Membership' is available to affiliated companies.



## **CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP**

At least two of the following criteria must also be met before an application can be processed: • The company must have been trading for at least one and preferably two years. • The equipment offered must be well established in the UK market or in its country of origin, e.g., equipment manufactured by internationally known companies seeking to expand into the UK market. • The General Manager/Owner, who is usually the nominated representative of the company and to whom all correspondence is sent, must be well known and respected within the industry.

## **ALL APPLICATIONS On ARE UNANIMOUS**

On receipt of the completed application form, it is circulated to the Committee and the membership is notified of the application in the Newsletter, where details are given of the company's activities and the name of the nominated representative for any comments or objections.

## **COMPANY VISITS**

The Committee has the right to visit any company seeking membership to establish that its' operation complies with the trading practices expected of PMMDA members, eg. facilities for after sales services, spares, etc. The Committee member will not be a direct competitor and a mutually convenient appointment will be made. Should the Committee decide a visit is not necessary for any reason, the applicant may request a visit from a member of the Committee.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

Upon ratification of the application by the Committee, the current subscription will be due and the request made for a full list of equipment supplied, with principals and trade names, as applicable, for inclusion on the PMMDA database and website. Certificates of Membership are posted out to members for display in their offices.

## **BENEFITS**

Members have access to advice and a wealth of contact information through their membership office, care of the Committee Secretary. Members receive a regular newsletter, which details updates on Member's information, social and networking events, activities of the Committee, industry news from allied Associations, exhibitions and publications which may be of interest, plus details of sales and/or agency opportunities.



## **REPRESENTATION**

Representation at ISO International Standards Level; and at the British Standards Institute's MCE/3/2 Rubber & Plastics Machinery Safety Committee. We are actively involved in all Standards review processes and have in the past successfully influenced changes to a number of the standards set by BSI.

## **GROUP DISCOUNTS**

Interplas - exhibiting members benefit from a discount on stand space and associated costs.  
Seminars – BPF and PPMA hold regular seminars for which PMMDA members are eligible for preferential rates.

## **WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA**

Members' information is listed on the updated PMMDA web-site, free of charge, with listings per machinery category and hyperlinks to their own Company websites.  
PMMDA has formed a group on LinkedIn and has a Twitter page to encourage interaction and discussion between members and the wider plastics community.

## **DATA COLLECTION**

Data is collected annually from willing members on Sales figures for Injection Moulding Machinery, Ancillary Equipment and Robotics – a 'Whole Market Survey' is then prepared and launched at a Member's lunch in late February. NB: Circulation of these statistical results is restricted to participants only.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

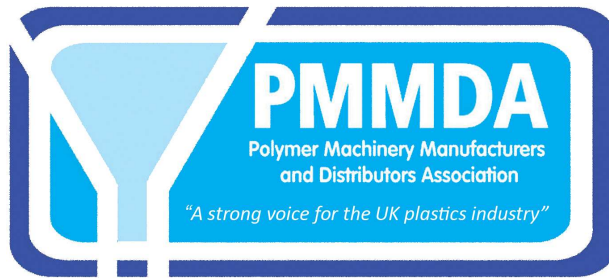
The PMMDA has been sponsors of Interplas since 2005. We continue to negotiate significant discounts for our members (subject to booking criteria).  
PMMDA is in attendance in the form of a 'PMMDA Member's hub', offering facilities for Members to meet up with colleagues or customers over a coffee.

## **GROUPS**

PMMDA Service Manager's Group meets regularly to share best practice in terms of Health & Safety, and has formed a 'PMMDA recognised quality mark' - a Safe Working Procedures document, together with generic Risk Assessment and Method Statements.

## **WORKING TOGETHER**

PMMDA enjoys close working relationships with GTMA and other Trade Associations relevant to the plastics industry and is an Affiliate member of the British Plastics Federation (BPF).



## **NETWORKING**

PMMDA organises several networking events at interesting venues throughout the year, including an annual visit to the House of Commons, Activity Days and meetings to discuss industry statistics.

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

The PMMDA has a reputation for supporting industry from the roots and sponsors the following:

- The PMMDA supports the "Plastics Industry Awards Dinner" held each year by offering the Apprentice of the Year Award winner with £500 prize money and by being actively part of the Awards Committee.

## **SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription for January 2024 to December 2024 is £475 (full membership) £275 (Affiliate membership). Payment is due on joining (pro rata payment is calculated if joining occurs part-way through the year) and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. The membership subscription has remained reasonable for a number of years to keep costs down for our Members.

## **LIABILITY**

In the event of the PMMDA becoming insolvent, each Member is currently liable for a contribution Not exceeding the then current subscription.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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