



## **Models & Tools Announces Fabrication Department Expansion**

**Shelby Township, Michigan February 19, 2010** – Models & Tools today announced the completion of its fabrication department expansion. 15,000 square feet of its 115,000 square foot Shelby Township facility has been dedicated exclusively to its fabrication department. The space includes one fifteen ton and three ten ton cranes with 28 feet under crane hook. Additional equipment purchased includes a Cincinnati 500 Ton CNC Press Brake, three Deltaweld MIG welders, two Deltafab MIG welders, two Dynasty TIG welders and one Miller TIG welder. Additional horizontal band saws and a Marvel miter saw were also added.

Mark Hedrick, Models & Tools fabrication department supervisor, said, “We have assembled a very seasoned team with over 100 years of collective aerospace fabrication experience; forming, pre-machining and welding. We are now fully capable of fabricating and forming aluminum and steel alloy materials, along with more exotic alloys, including Invar 36, Invar 42 and various grades of stainless steel. The department has achieved the American Welding Society’s D1.1 and D1.2 certifications. Our capabilities include forming face sheets to bond and cure tools, bond assembly jigs and lay up mandrels, as well as fabricating required for assembly fixtures, automation equipment, work-stands and platforms.”

Models & Tools President, Phil Neale added, “This expansion will allow us to become more competitive and offer more value to the aerospace customers who have always relied on Models & Tools, as well as develop new customers who require the fabricating capabilities that prior to today we could only do on a limited basis due to equipment and facility constraints. When combined with the rest of our talented team and equipment, there is no job too large or intricate for us to deliver to the required quality, value and due date. We look forward to these new opportunities.”

For over 35 years, Models & Tools has provided high quality tooling solutions for the aerospace industry. The company is a delegated, approved supplier to Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics and recently received Boeing’s coveted Gold Performance Excellence Award.