



## Models & Tools Announces Acquisition of Large 5-Axis High Speed Gantry Mill

**Shelby Township, Michigan December 20, 2010** – Models & Tools CEO, Jeff Cunningham announced today the acquisition of a Cincinnati Twister 5-Axis High Speed Gantry Machining Center, with X and Y travel of fifty-one and twenty-two feet respectively, with 100 horsepower at the spindle. The acquisition completes the two year growth strategy begun in March of 2009, with the company's move to its current climate controlled, high bay, 115,000 square foot facility in Shelby Township. In February of 2010, the company announced the expansion of its fabrication department, along with the addition of 2 boring mills in June, 2010. Cunningham explained, "This significant investment further enhances our product offering and will enable us to continue the accelerated growth that we have experienced as a result of our plan."

Models & Tools President, Phil Neale added, "We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this gantry mill, which will be in service by April of 2011. It will allow us to satisfy our customer's requests for additional machine hour capacity and with twenty-two foot wide by fifty-one foot long travel; we will be able to significantly increase the size of the tools that we can build which require 5-Axis machining. We will also use the new machine for large Boring Mill applications, which will enable us to maximize machine utilization and increase our ability to meet our customer's cost and schedule requirements. There are only a handful of companies with machines of this size and we are pleased to be one of them."

For over 35 years, Models & Tools has provided high quality tooling solutions for the aerospace industry. The company is an approved supplier to Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics, as well as being a delegated source for Boeing, who recently awarded Models & Tools its coveted Gold Performance Excellence Award. During the past two years, under the company's expansion plan, revenue has nearly doubled and fifty additional full time employees have been added.

