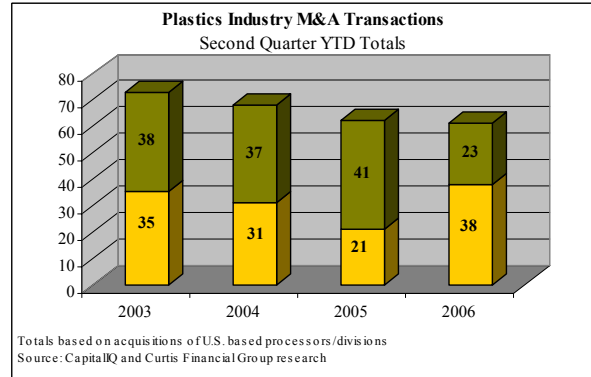
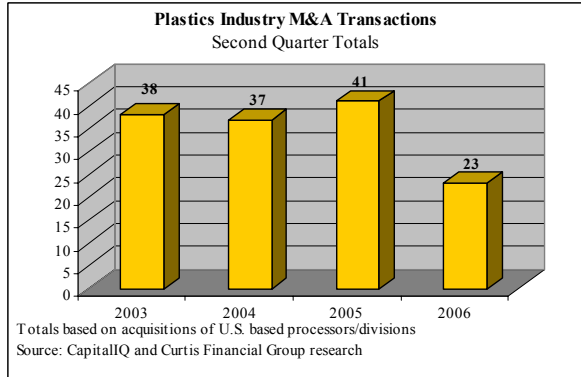


**Plastics Industry M&A Activity Update
Second Quarter 2006**

Philadelphia, PA – August 22, 2006 – Curtis Financial Group, LLC, a leading private investment banking firm, released its review of year to date M&A activity in the Plastics Industry. “Plastics Industry merger and acquisition activity declined substantially in the second quarter of 2006 compared to the comparable prior year period although year to date volume was highly comparable to 2005” noted Howard M. Snyder, Curtis’ Plastics and Packaging Group Leader.



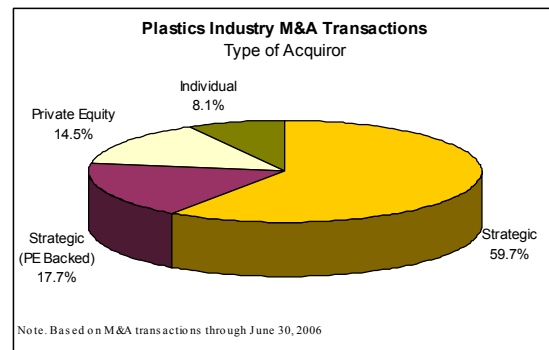
“Industry participants should take note that although year to date totals remain comparable, there was a marked decline in second quarter activity. While we are not suggesting a slowdown in market, third quarter totals should be watched closely as potentially indicative of a trend.”

Acquisitions by Processor Type - YTD

Injection molders continued to comprise the largest percentage of acquisitions at 40.3% while Extrusion manufacturers followed closely at 38.7%. The balance was comprised of Blow molders (8.1%), Thermoformers (4.8%), Foam manufacturers (4.8%), and Rotational molders (3.2%). Within the extrusion category, film extruders and tube extruders each accounted for 25% followed by pipe extruders (16.7%), profile extruders (16.7%), sheet manufacturers (12.5%) and netting (4.2%).

Types of Buyers - YTD

While strategic acquirers continue to account for the majority of acquisitions, private equity buyers and their portfolio companies remained highly active accounting for 32.2% of all acquisitions completed including nine new platform acquisitions. International acquirers accounted for 17.7% acquisitions and continue to demonstrate strong interest in the U.S. market.



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