

Hexpol Acquires Preferred Compounding

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Benesch client, Hexpol Group, the world's largest rubber compounder, is getting even bigger as it has closed a deal to purchase Preferred Compounding Corp. from private equity firm Audax Group in a deal worth \$232 million.

Copley, Ohio-based Preferred was the No. 2 compounder in North America-trailing only Hexpol-posting 2018 sales of about \$240 million, according to a news release from Sweden's Hexpol Group. Preferred employs about 540 and has six factories, five in the U.S. and one in Mexico. Hexpol said the \$232 million acquisition was completed July 1 on a cash and debt-free basis, and was funded by a combination of cash, existing bank facilities and a new credit facility.

The deal was led by Megan Mehalko and included Brian Mielcusny, Michael Mozes, Cheryl Donahue, Ryan Krisby and Corey Sparks.

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