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### DEVENS IN THE NEWS:

#### **Medical Device Company Expands Facilities In Bedford, Devens [BostonLife Sciences](#) - December 3, 2024**

Spanish medical device manufacturer has expanded operations in Massachusetts with a new lab facility and a logistics center. Barcelona-based Werfen celebrated the opening of its new 130K SF, two-story lab and software building at 180 Hartwell Ave. in Bedford, [according to a press release](#) Tuesday. The new building brings the campus' footprint to 490K SF, [the Boston Business Journal reported](#).

The company has invested \$51M into the expansion that makes room for another 350 employees at the campus, bringing the total to more than 1,400. The property is one of the largest footprints the company has across its real estate portfolio.

“With the exception of a couple of other locations nationally, (Massachusetts) is really ground zero for medical devices,” Mark Olsen, chief manufacturing and supply chain officer at Werfen, told the BBJ. “And also we need highly technical, highly trained people. So we find the university system here is excellent. It works out real well to do business here in Massachusetts.”

The company also has plans to move into a 230K SF distribution center in [Devens](#) from its 18 Independence Road location in the same area. The company plans to move into the new facility in the first quarter of next year.

Werfen acquired Instrumentation Laboratory in 1991, and in 2007 Instrumentation Laboratory purchased 180 Hartwell Ave. from landlord Vinco Properties Inc. for \$30M, [the BBJ reported](#). In, 2021, the company decided to keep the two entities [under the same name and brand](#) as Wenfren.

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#### **NEWS RELEASE: SMC Ltd. Announces Major Expansion of Devens Massachusetts Facility December 5, 2024**

SMC Ltd., a medical device contract manufacturer with locations in California, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Costa Rica, United Kingdom and India, announced a 160,000 sq. ft. expansion to their Devens, Massachusetts facility.

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With continued success serving the Drug Delivery and Diagnostic markets, SMC’s Devens facility will start a 160,000 sq. ft. expansion. The expansion will include three new ISO 8 cleanrooms, a 2-8 degree C cold chain storage warehouse, and a cutting-edge material handling system to optimize product flow throughout the facility. These advancements will allow for better efficiencies and reliability to support the evolving drug delivery and medical technology markets.

“We are thrilled about the expansion of our manufacturing facility in Devens. This growth is a testament to the continued success we’ve experienced and reflects our unwavering commitment to innovation and excellence. It also opens exciting opportunities for our team and the local community. With this expansion, we will be able

to add more talented individuals to our workforce and enhance our capabilities, ensuring we continue to meet and/or exceed the needs of our customers.” said Brian Payson, SMC Corporate Vice President and Massachusetts Site Leader.

“The expansion in Devens marks a significant milestone in our Company’s growth journey. This investment not only strengthens our ability to deliver high-quality pharmaceutical products, but also underscores our commitment to supporting the healthcare needs of our customers and patients worldwide. As we continue to grow, we remain dedicated to fostering innovation, creating career opportunities, and contributing positively to the communities in which we operate. This expansion is a clear indication of our confidence in the future, and we look forward to the new possibilities it brings.” Chetan N. Patel CEO, SMC Ltd.

#### **About SMC Ltd.**

SMC Ltd. is a global contract manufacturer offering complete design, molding services, and finished devices for the medical, diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries. With locations in Wisconsin, Ohio, Massachusetts, North Carolina, California, Costa Rica, United Kingdom, and India, SMC’s facilities provide over one million sq. ft. dedicated to high and low volume medical manufacturing. The Company’s medical operations offer ISO 13485 quality systems, white room, class 7 and 8 clean rooms with services including design, engineering, project management, and validation. Integrated capabilities include thermoplastic molding (including 2-shot), LIM (liquid injection molding), secondary operations, micro molding, assembly, fill-finish capabilities, and kitting and packaging of finished devices. [www.smcltd.com](http://www.smcltd.com)

#### **Veranova Recognized as One of SOCMA’s 25 Companies for Industry-Leading Safety Programs - December 03, 2024**

Wayne, PA – Veranova is pleased to announce that it has been recognized by The Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates, Inc.® (SOCMA) as a recipient of its prestigious 2024 Safety Recognition Program. Along with other honorees, Veranova has been acknowledged for its contribution to the safety culture of the specialty chemicals industry at both its West Deptford, NJ site (for the second year in a row) and at its Devens, MA site. The award aims to promote collaboration across the industry and highlight the work of companies demonstrating exceptional commitment to safety practices. This year, the Safety Recognition Program reviewed the best practices for each facility, paying particular attention to emergency planning & response, process safety, stakeholder engagement and communication, and heat illness prevention. The 2024 recognition dinner was held during the SOCMA Summit & Annual Meeting, which took place in Charleston, SC from October 29th-30th. Ken Zrebiec, SVP Manufacturing Operations, Veranova said, “We are extremely honored to accept this prestigious award from SOCMA for the second year in a row for our West Deptford, NJ site, and now also our Devens, MA location!

Safety continues to be the cornerstone across all our sites, so it’s great to be recognized alongside 24 other impressive honorees. We continue to build on our legacy of setting the highest environmental and employee standards, while ensuring we consistently improve and perfect our operations. Looking ahead, we are further committed to servicing the growing ADC and potent small molecules sectors by extending that culture of safety to our recent investment expanding those capabilities in Devens. “

#### **About SOCMA**

The Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates® (SOCMA) has been serving the specialty chemicals industry since 1912. It provides a platform for the industry by providing industry knowledge, a peer network, and customized resources. By promoting business safety and intelligence, SOCMA aims to connect key players across the industry, promoting operational intelligence and growth. For more information, please visit [www.socma.org](http://www.socma.org).

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Dr. Eric Dickson, President and CEO  
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Dear Dr. Dickson:

As I am sure you are aware Nashoba Valley Medical Center (NVMC) closed its doors on August 31, 2024. Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) was asked by local officials in the region and hospital staff to complete an economic impact analysis and testify at the public hearing held by the MA DPH on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

MRPC informed MA DPH staff and hearing attendees that approximately a quarter million inhabitants in a 17-town region would no longer have a regional hospital to use for emergency and other services. Also, the significant increase in the time riding in an ambulance, by those in critical condition, to obtain emergency medical services (in Nashua, NH, Concord, Leominster, Gardner, and other points) would increase the death rate in this region.

On behalf of these 17 communities the MRPC implores leaders such as you and others to possibly reopen NVMC and/or work with your colleagues to fill the void for immediate and long-term medical care centered in Ayer. The bankruptcy of Steward Health Care should not result in the meaningless deaths of inhabitants in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

*Glenn P. Eaton*

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Executive Director

Enclosure – MRPC NVMC Economic Analysis