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Polytorx Doubles Manufacturing Capacity

Polytorx, LLC, an Ann Arbor company with manufacturing in Jackson, Michigan, this week announced the completion of its most current manufacturing expansion which includes moving from a 10,000 square foot facility into a 120,000 square foot facility and doubling the number of machines used to produce Helix.

“Even with this doubling in capacity, we’re selling everything we can make and we don’t see that changing anytime in the foreseeable future” says Polytorx CEO Bill Orabone. *“Our plan was to double every quarter and so far we’ve been on track or ahead of that schedule.”* Adds Luke Pinkerton, CTO of Polytorx, *“A year ago we were sending boxes of Helix to customers, and then pallets - now we’re shipping it by the truckload and trying to keep up with the orders.”* Polytorx is being courted by several other states to expand its manufacturing facility, expected to create 1800 jobs in the next five years.

Helix is toothpick-sized pieces of twisted steel wire that mix directly into concrete and add significant strength and crack resistance. Helix not only makes the concrete 400% stronger, but also decreases the cost by 15 - 40% .

Helix is now sold in more than ten countries and in a wide variety of applications, such as reinforcement of commercial slabs, structural foundations, composite decks in multi-story buildings and a number of precast products including structural panels, pipes, and underground vessels, as well as for blast resistance in bank vaults.

More information can be found at <http://www.helixfiber.com>.