

# Global P.E.T.

## Company Background

Global P.E.T. (Global) has been in the business of grinding CRV PET for over a decade. Located on a five-acre facility running over 55,000 square feet of building space in an industrial zone perfectly acclimated for recycling in the city of Perris, Riverside County, California. Global P.E.T. has expanded with the help of California's DOC into washing PET flake, converting that flake into sheet and, with recent funding, has been able to move into thermoforming. With the funds provided by this grant, Global will be able to become an A-Z manufacturer, producing consumer products from its own feed-stock.



## Goals

- 833,000 lbs. of PET packaging produced per month;
- 100 percent CRV PET packaging sold to distributors;
- Permanently hire 30 employees; and
- Estimated payroll increase of \$70,000 per month.

## Accomplishments

- Running two shifts per day processing between 406,968-456,816 lbs. per month. Global anticipates producing between 600,000-700,000 lbs. per month with the addition of a third shift;
- 100 percent of packaging pre-sold to Direct Pack Inc. (DPI) for the next five years;
- Hired 15 employees to date, total amount of employees reduced due to partial funding. Global requested funding for three thermoforming lines but only received one through grant project; and
- Payroll increase per month: \$26,500. This number will increase as peripheral jobs (product tracking, etc) pertaining to the thermoforming line are added.

## **Challenges**

Global P.E.T. had a few delays regarding its projected timetable but none were so severe as to actually have a major impact on implementation of this project. Because Global P.E.T. had prior experience with a program such as this, so there were little to no challenges to be met and overcome. The company clearly learned from prior experience and took this knowledge and expertise to make the line they were working with more productive and sustainable.

### **Grant Type**

Manufacturing

### **Year Awarded**

2008

### **Funding**

\$778,000.00 – Grant Funds

\$155,600.00 – Matching Funds

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\$933,600.00 – Total Project

### **Project Length**

Two years

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## **Lessons Learned and Recommendations**

- Allow at least one year to get all of the required permits.
- Secure the washed flake and/or PET sheet feed-stock, because without it, the thermoforming line will not be running.
- Have at least \$1 million of float money to cover the time between purchasing the equipment and receiving the money from the state, assuming grant money is provided. Doing so will make the project move along much more smoothly than without that extra money, where Global would be tied to the state's timeframe.
- It takes at least five months to train employees to work the thermoforming line, so advanced training for employees is necessary. Additionally, it is a good idea to have at least one experienced supervisor training and monitoring the other employees on the line.
- When installing a thermoforming line, be sure to have obtained a grinder.

