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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Canada Makes announces its transition as a new independent industry association, organized as a not-for-profit association controlled and operated by its members. Initially created in 2014 by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) as a division dedicated additive manufacturing, it was instrumental in creating a Canadian network of companies, academics, and public research institutions to educate manufacturers on the potential of additive manufacturing.

Under CME, Canada Makes regrouped over 40 pioneers in 3D Printing nationwide, led a number of international trade missions, and established a leading-edge 3D Printing adoption program with the help of the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) National Research Council. In early 2022, CME formally agreed to transfer the assets and intellectual property of Canada Makes to our Association to ensure its continuation.

As part of this transition, Canada Makes is pleased to welcome in Steve Kleimaker as its Director of Community Relations. Steve comes with an extensive background in Marketing and Trade Shows and is looking forward to leading the membership into the next phase of its existence as the industry evolves.

Acting Chair of Canada Makes Gilles Desharnais said, "Additive Manufacturing has a bright future in our collective toolset to support Canadian Manufacturing competitiveness. Through Canada Makes, we intend to help companies acquire the knowledge, facilitate cooperation, stimulate innovation, and ensure the coherence of our public policies to this endeavour."

With this transition we have introduced a new website. The site features an updated directory of over 45 Members and provides a live feed into the latest News and Events in the world of additive manufacturing and 3D printing in Canada, as well as the world. It will make an outsider privy to the world of 3D printing in Canada and beyond.



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## About Canada Makes,

Canada Makes is a network of private, public, academic, and non-profit entities who invest in advanced and additive manufacturing (AM) technologies in Canada. Our association is an enabler and accelerator of AM-adoption in Canada. The network covers a broad range of additive manufacturing technologies including 3D printing; reverse engineering, 3D imaging, medical implants and replacement human tissue; metallic 3D printing and more. Canada Makes network has over 45 members which integrate and use 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing technologies.

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