

St. Thomas plant expansion supported by Government of Canada investment

Amino North America Corp. (ANAC) is bolstering the emerging supply chain for electric vehicles. Industry experts emphasize that the transition to electric vehicles necessitates companies capable of adapting swiftly to a dynamic marketplace. Trent Maki, President of (ANAC), highlights the company’s technological agility: “Our capabilities allow us to pivot seamlessly and focus on new product development.”

ANAC, a Canadian subsidiary of a Japanese auto parts manufacturer, employs a unique process called hydroforming. Using water pressure, ANAC molds specialty body parts, including doors, hoods, fenders, and bumpers. For instance, ANAC utilizes hydroforming instead of traditional metal stamping for the fenders of GMC pick-up trucks with dual wheels. This process enables ANAC to achieve the deeper bends required for dually fenders and quickly adapt to new projects.

Earlier this year, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario-Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (canada.ca)), announced an investment of a \$2 million interest-free loan to support [ANAC’s expansion plans](#), which include adding 42,000 square feet and a five-press press line to its existing 90,000-square-foot facility in St. Thomas, Ontario. ANAC is also exploring creating boxes for EV batteries.



(Centre photo; left to right) Trent Maki, President, Amino North America Corp., welcomes Arielle Kayabaga, Member of Parliament, London West, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario, and Peter Fragiskatos, Member of Parliament, London North Centre to ANAC’s St. Thomas facility.

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