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**MRC Polymers provides engineering students with opportunity for real world problem solving**

**Chicago, IL – 17 June 2011** – “Investing in the future of our industry includes investing in education opportunities for engineering students today,” says Paul Binks, President and CEO of MRC Polymers, Inc.

Recently, the Chicago-based recycler partnered with the Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering (ISE), University of Illinois–Champaign Urbana, to support the Senior Engineering Project Program. The challenge to produce an “Energy Audit for Plastic Recycling and Pellet Extrusion” was proposed by MRC as a real-world, problem-solving experience.

“About \$100,000 in energy savings were ultimately identified through the audit, but the benefits of MRC interaction with the students exceeded bottom line results,” said David Lawson, Director of Operations at MRC. “Their intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm contributed to the positive dynamic of all participants and energized the entire team.”

“We all have a stake in the future of our industry,” Binks observed. “Our participation in the ISE program emphasizes that manufacturing through sustainability-driven processes must meet financial goals. We must continuously seek new and creative avenues to achieve responsible, yet profitable operations. This is a key lesson we hope the students will carry with them to thrive in an enterprise-oriented world.”

The 17-week project was the result of collaboration between ISE and MRC to provide students with an educational environment and resources to unite practical business applications with systems engineering.

For information about MRC, call Paul Binks, President and CEO, at (248) 224-7569 or check our website at [www.mrcpolymers.com](http://www.mrcpolymers.com).

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**Caption:** *ISE Senior Project Team at work (left to right): Aneesh Rangnekar, Steven Maciejewski, Andrew Daniele and Alisha Gryniewicz.*

**About MRC Polymers, Inc.**

MRC Polymers’ proprietary recycling and compounding technologies establish it as the industry leader in providing consistent, high quality, engineering grade resins. It has manufactured engineering and commodity thermoplastic compounds since 1980. Located at 3535 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, IL, 60623. For more information, please visit [www.mrcpolymers.com](http://www.mrcpolymers.com)

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