

2009 PM100 Press Release

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MANAGING AUTOMATION MEDIA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2009 PM100

*Winners to be honored at the Progressive Manufacturing Awards Gala
June 11, 2009 at the Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, FL*

NEW YORK, NY, March 10, 2009 – Managing Automation Media, a Thomas Publishing Company, LLC publication, has announced the Winners of its fifth annual **Progressive Manufacturing 100 Awards**. The PM100 recognizes 100 projects that have achieved distinction in at least one of the **eight core disciplines** defined by Managing Automation Media as critical to business success in the years ahead. These disciplines are: Business Model Mastery, Customer Mastery, Supply Network Mastery, Data & Integration Mastery, Innovation Mastery, Training & Education Mastery, Leadership and Operational Excellence.

An independent judging panel chaired by David R. Brousell, Editor-in-Chief, Managing Automation Media, and Jeff Moad, Executive Editor, *Managing Automation*, reviewed project nominations. Judges included:

- Lisa Bodell, CEO, FutureThink
- Tim Hanley, Vice Chairman and U.S. Process & Industrial Products Leader, Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Brad Heath, President, VirTex Assembly Services, Inc. (PM Winner)
- Ivan Hovey, Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) Manager, Freescale Semiconductor
- James M. Joyner, Director of Lean, Quality & Service, Card Monroe
- Jay Lee, Univ. of Cincinnati, Ohio Eminent Scholar & L.W. Scott Alter Chair Professor Dept. of Mechanical Eng.
- Paul E. Martin, Global Chief Information Officer, Rexam Plc (2005 Award Winner)
- Robert Parker, VP, Research, Manufacturing Insights
- Maureen Steinwall, President, Steinwall Inc. (2006 Award Winner)
- Joe Tocci, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Intertape Polymer Group
- Steven Vidakovic, Technology and Knowledge Integration, Global Supply Chain, Pfizer Inc. (2007 Award Winner)
- Ray Wang, Vice President and Principal Analyst, Forrester Research
- Mark Yatskievych, Manager, Technical Support, General Dynamics (2008 Progressive Manufacturer of the Year)
- Emily Stover DeRocco, President, Manufacturing Institute, Senior Vice President National Association of Manufacturers
- David R. Brousell, Editor-in-Chief, Managing Automation Media

The PM100 Winners will be honored and presented with their awards at the Progressive Manufacturing Awards Gala to be held on the last day of the Progressive Manufacturing Summit 2009: Redefining the Business of Manufacturing in Turbulent Economic Times, June 9-11, at the Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota, Florida. More than 200 manufacturing technology executives are expected to attend. In addition to presenting the awards to the **PM 100** Winners, Managing Automation Media will announce at the Gala Dinner **High Achievers** and **Sub-Category Winners** in each of the 8 disciplines as well as the **2009 Progressive Manufacturers of the Year** at both a large and small company.

“We look forward to recognizing and celebrating our Winners in front of an audience of their peers across all facets of manufacturing at the Progressive Manufacturing Summit in Sarasota this June,” said Managing Automation Media Publisher Heather Holst-Knudsen. “In these challenging times, innovators and progressive manufacturers will be among the best positioned to capitalize on a shifting landscape, both in the US and globally.”

The 2009 PM100 Winners are:

Alcoa, Inc.	DriWater, Inc.	Nobel Biocare
Amtcor Ltd.	Emerson Network Power	Nordson Corp.
ASML	Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.	OKAY Industries, Inc.
ATI Industrial Automation, Inc.	Genentech, Inc.	Organic Valley Family of Farms
Automation Engineering Corp. (winner for 5 separate projects)	General Mills, Inc.	Paper Island
Automation Federation	Golden Grain Energy, LLC	Pfizer, Inc.
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.	Graphic West Packaging Machinery, LLC	Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne
Batesville Casket Co. (winner for 2 separate projects)	Graphicast Inc.	Radar Industries, Inc.
Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.	Grayling Industries	Rain CII Carbon LLC
BigBelly Solar	Haskel International	Rieter Automotive Systems
Bosch Rexroth AG	IGT	Rodgers Instruments LLC
BrassCraft Manufacturing Co.	Juice Harvest Corp.	Royal Dutch Shell plc
Bridge Publications, Inc.	Key Technology, Inc.	Sanmina-SCI Corp.
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	KLA-Tencor Corp.	Sasol Ltd.
Brocade Communications Systems Inc.	L'Oréal	Sauer-Danfoss
Capral Aluminum Ltd.	Lance, Inc.	Savage Sports Corp.
Card-Monroe Corp.	Livingston & Haven	Severstal Wheeling Inc.
Catalina Lighting, Inc.	Lowepro USA	SKF USA Inc.
Chevron Corp.	Mack Molding	Solaicx
chocolate potpourri ltd.	Magnet Product Design & Development	The Solaria Corp.
Chrysler LLC	Maibec Inc.	Spring Air
CNH Global N.V.	Masco Corp.	Stahlin Non-Metallic Enclosures
Columbus Foods	McLaren Electronic Systems	Symetrics Industries, LLC
CrystalTech	Mercury Marine	Tennant Co.
Custom Cupboards	Metalsa	Toshiba America Medical Systems, Inc.
Donghee Industrial Co. Ltd.	Metrolina Greenhouses Inc.	TVS Motor Co.
Double H Plastics Inc.	MicroStrain, Inc.	Unirac Inc.
The Dow Chemical Co. (winner for 2 separate projects)	Mohawk Fine Papers Inc.	Utah Stamping Co.
Dream it. Do it.	Motorola, Inc.	VIBCO
	New Belgium Brewing Co.	Viracon, Inc.
	New Process Gear	VirTex Assembly Services, Inc.
	Next Intent	Weston Bakeries Limited

“In the face of one of the worst economic downturns in history, these winning companies dramatically underscore how the manufacturing industry will not only get through this period but emerge in an even stronger position once a recovery takes hold,” said David R. Brousell, Editor-in-Chief of Managing Automation Media. “The projects that enabled these companies to become PM100 winners reflect great creativity and inventiveness, a determined willingness to take risk, and an enduring resilience to continually improve every aspect of their business. These companies are leading the way to a better future for all industry.”

About Managing Automation Media

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