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Fifty-three Nominees Announced for 2010 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards

2011 looks promising for industry

January 4, 2011, Madison – 2011 already looks like it will be a good year for the manufacturing industry in Wisconsin. Fifty-three Wisconsin companies have been nominated for the 2010 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year (MOTY) awards, compared to 40 last year.

“This increased number of nominees is encouraging as it shows manufacturers feel positive about business this past year,” said Jim Haney, president of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, one of the program sponsors. “Our state’s manufacturing sector is poised to have an even greater 2011 as we continue to pull through the recovering economy. Wisconsin is home to some of the greatest manufacturers in our nation, that hasn’t changed.”

Celebrating its 23rd year, the MOTY program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for their contributions to the great state of Wisconsin. Manufacturers contribute to the vibrancy of Wisconsin and our communities through good business practices, innovative processes, and productivity enhancements. This program helps celebrate and honor the companies that have made Wisconsin the industrial powerhouse it is today.

“Wisconsin’s manufacturing workforce is resilient and many companies have overcome great adversities. Michael Best looks forward to honoring these manufacturers for their continued commitment to our state,” said Tod Linstroth, senior partner and a member of the Management Committee of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, one of the MOTY sponsors.

The nominated companies were placed into four size categories determined by company-wide employee count. The extensive nomination process requires the companies to include detailed operational and financial information. Of the 53 nominees, 15 companies also applied for the Sustainability Grand Award, showcasing their success in environmental best practices.

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“Wisconsin manufacturers are innovators. They are focused on bringing advanced technologies to market that will help maintain a competitive edge in the industry. I’m sure this year’s nominees will be a strong representation of the ground-breaking ideas that continue to support profitable growth and expanded job opportunities throughout our state,” said Tim Christen, CEO of Baker Tilly, a founding sponsor of MOTY.

The accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly, the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and the business association Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce sponsor the MOTY awards program. The winners, selected by an independent panel of judges, will be announced at a black-tie banquet on February 24, 2011 at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. Additional information and can be found online at www.wimoty.com or by calling (800) 362-7301.

2010 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award Nominees (listed alphabetically by city)

Beloit - Genencor International Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a Genencor, A Danisco Division– Mega Category

Black River Falls - D&S Manufacturing, Inc. – Medium Category

Chilton - Briess Industries, Inc. – Medium and Sustainability Categories

Cornell - Mule-Hide Manufacturing Co., Inc. – Medium Category

De Pere - Cleaning Systems, Inc. (Lustra) – Small and Sustainability Categories

Eagle - UPI Manufacturing, Inc. – Small and Sustainability Categories

Eau Claire - CURT Manufacturing, Inc. – Medium and Sustainability Categories

Germantown - Cambridge Major Laboratories, Inc. – Medium Category

Germantown - KLH Industries, Incorporated – Small Category

Germantown - L.T. Hampel Corp. – Small Category

Germantown - MGS Mfg. Group, Inc. – Mega Category

Germantown - Nelson Container Corporation – Small and Sustainability Categories

Gilman - Gilman Cheese Corporation – Small Category

Green Bay - WS Packaging Group, Inc. – Mega and Sustainability Categories

Hartford - Hydro Electronic Devices, Inc. (HED) – Small Category

Ladysmith - 5R Processors, Ltd. – Medium Category

Lake Mills - Fiberdome Inc. – Medium Category

Madison - Liberty Parts Team Inc. – Small and Sustainability Categories

Manitowoc - Kaysun Corporation – Medium Category

Manitowoc - Manitowoc Cranes, Inc. – Mega Category

Manitowoc - Orion Energy Systems Inc. – Medium Category

Marinette - Winsert, Inc. – Medium Category

Medford - HWD Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a Hurd Windows & Doors – Large Category

Middleton - Automation Components, Inc. – Medium Category

Middleton - Springs Window Fashions LLC – Mega and Sustainability Categories

Milwaukee - GE Healthcare – Mega and Sustainability Categories

Milwaukee - Vulcan Global Manufacturing Solutions, Inc. – Medium and Sustainability Categories

Milwaukee - Wiscraft, Inc. – Small Category

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Monroe - Orchid Monroe LLC (Orchid International) – Medium Category
Nashotah - Dickten Masch Plastics, LLC – Large Category
Neenah - Plexus Corporation – Mega Category
Neenah - SCA Tissue North America – Mega and Sustainability Categories
New Berlin - Schoeneck Containers Incorporated – Medium and Sustainability Categories
New London - Enerpipe Systems, Inc. – Mega Category
Oconomowoc - ORBIS Corporation – Mega and Sustainability Categories
Plymouth - Sargento Foods Inc. – Mega Category
Port Washington - Molded Dimensions Inc. – Small Category
Portage - Penda Corporation – Large Category
Poynette - Poynette Iron Works, Inc. – Small Category
Shawano - Genex Cooperative, Inc. – Mega Category
Shawano - Wisconsin Film & Bag – Medium and Sustainability Categories
Sparta - Multistack LLC – Medium Category
Sun Prairie - Palmer Johnson Power Systems – Medium Category
Sussex - Power Test, Inc. – Small and Sustainability Categories
Sussex - Waukesha Tool & Stamping, LLC d/b/a Waukesha Metal Products – Small Category
Taylor - Atlas Resin Proppants LLC – Small Category
Tomahawk - Daigle Brothers, Inc. – Small Category
Watertown - Spuncast, Inc. – Medium Category
Waukesha - Generac Power Systems Inc. – Mega Category
Waukesha - Hydro-Thermal Corporation – Small Category
Waukesha - Weldall Mfg., Inc. – Medium Category
Waunakee - Nord Gear Corporation – Medium Category
Whitewater - Universal Electronics, Inc. – Medium Category

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EDITORS NOTES:

Category breakdown and nominees listed alphabetically by company name below:

Totals:

17 Small

20 Medium

3 Large

13 Mega

15 Sustainability (these companies also are nominated in a size category)

2010 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award Nominees (listed alphabetically by company name)

5R Processors, Ltd., Ladysmith – Medium Category

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Atlas Resin Proppants LLC, Taylor – Small Category
Automation Components, Inc., Middleton – Medium Category
Briess Industries, Inc., Chilton – Medium and Sustainability Categories
Cambridge Major Laboratories, Inc., Germantown – Medium Category
Cleaning Systems, Inc. (Lustra), De Pere – Small and Sustainability Categories
CURT Manufacturing, Inc., Eau Claire – Medium and Sustainability Categories
D&S Manufacturing, Inc., Black River Falls – Medium Category
Daigle Brothers, Inc., Tomahawk – Small Category
Dickten Masch Plastics, LLC, Nashotah – Large Category
Enerpipe Systems, Inc., New London – Mega Category
Fiberdome Inc., Lake Mills – Medium Category
GE Healthcare, Milwaukee – Mega and Sustainability Categories
Genencor International Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a Genencor, A Danisco Division, Beloit – Mega Category
Generac Power Systems Inc., Waukesha – Mega Category
Genex Cooperative, Inc., Shawano – Mega Category
Gilman Cheese Corporation, Gilman – Small Category
HWD Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a Hurd Windows & Doors, Medford – Large Category
Hydro Electronic Devices, Inc. (HED), Hartford – Small Category
Hydro-Thermal Corporation, Waukesha – Small Category
Kaysun Corporation, Manitowoc – Medium Category
KLH Industries, Incorporated, Germantown – Small Category
L.T. Hampel Corp., Germantown – Small Category
Liberty Parts Team Inc., Madison – Small and Sustainability Categories
Manitowoc Cranes, Inc., Manitowoc – Mega Category
MGS Mfg. Group, Inc., Germantown – Mega Category
Molded Dimensions Inc., Port Washington – Small Category
Mule-Hide Manufacturing Co., Inc., Cornell – Medium Category
Multistack LLC, Sparta – Medium Category
Nelson Container Corporation, Germantown – Small and Sustainability Categories
Nord Gear Corporation, Waunakee – Medium Category
ORBIS Corporation, Oconomowoc – Mega and Sustainability Categories
Orchid Monroe LLC (Orchid International), Monroe – Medium Category
Orion Energy Systems Inc., Manitowoc – Medium Category
Palmer Johnson Power Systems, Sun Prairie – Medium Category
Penda Corporation, Portage – Large Category
Plexus Corporation, Neenah – Mega Category
Power Test, Inc., Sussex – Small and Sustainability Categories
Poynette Iron Works, Inc., Poynette – Small Category
Sargento Foods Inc., Plymouth – Mega Category
SCA Tissue North America, Neenah – Mega and Sustainability Categories
Schoeneck Containers Incorporated, New Berlin – Medium and Sustainability Categories
Springs Window Fashions LLC, Middleton – Mega and Sustainability Categories
Spuncast, Inc., Watertown – Medium Category

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Universal Electronics, Inc., Whitewater – Medium Category
UPI Manufacturing, Inc., Eagle – Small and Sustainability Categories
Vulcan Global Manufacturing Solutions, Inc., Milwaukee – Medium and Sustainability Categories
Waukesha Tool & Stamping, LLC d/b/a Waukesha Metal Products, Sussex – Small Category
Weldall Mfg., Inc., Waukesha – Medium Category
Winsert, Inc., Marinette – Medium Category
Wisconsin Film & Bag, Shawano – Medium and Sustainability Categories
Wiscraft, Inc., Milwaukee – Small Category
WS Packaging Group, Inc., Green Bay – Mega and Sustainability Categories

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