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Atlantic Tool & Die - Alabama Named 2008 Outstanding Automotive Supplier

BIRMINGHAM, AL. (February 12, 2009) – Atlantic Tool & Die – Alabama (ATD-AL) in Anniston, Alabama has been recognized by the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) as the Outstanding 2008 Automotive Supplier in Alabama. A first tier supplier to Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, Atlantic Tool & Die (ATD) manufactures metal stampings from progressive and transfer dies up to 1200 tons as well as full service assembly including robotic welding. ATD-AL opened in 2004 and employs 50 associates at its 65,000 square foot facility. Rick Burchett is the General Manager.

Five automotive suppliers were assessed by the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) and Alabama Technology Network (ATN) using an assessment tool developed by Toyota. Manufacturers were assessed in fifteen categories and scored from 1-6 with 6 being world class. ATD-AL scored a perfect 6 in the following categories: Disaster Recovery, Supply Chain Management, Information Flow, Process Flexibility, 5S and Shipping Management.

Ron Davis, President of AAMA and plant manager of ZF Lemforder in Tuscaloosa stated, “AAMA is pleased to recognize those automotive suppliers in Alabama that are truly world class manufacturers. Hopefully other automotive suppliers can use Atlantic Tool & Die as a benchmark in its self assessments.”

ATD-AL is a subsidiary of Atlantic Tool & Die Company (ATD). Established in 1937, ATD owns and operates (8) manufacturing facilities between: Ohio, Alabama, Texas, Mexico and China. Recently, ATD announced its (9th) manufacturing company, a joint venture named JATDCO, a Minority Business Enterprise, certified in the state of Ohio. JATDCO will supply metal stampings and assemblies from presses up to 1200 tons utilizing state of the art assembly processes. ATD is a world leader and has received Awards and Special Recognition from Honda of America on 17 occasions for Quality, Delivery and Overall Performance. For more information on Atlantic Tool & Die or ATD-AL contact Robert Esclavon, Sales and Marketing, 205-568-0568, robertesclavon@atlantictool.com or Jeff Cope, Director – International Sales, 440-238-6931, jeffcope@atlantictool.com

Other companies that were assessed by AIDT and ATN in 2008 were Corporate Warehouse Services in Decatur and Enova Premier LLC in Montgomery. Two other companies that were initially assessed in 2007 and reassessed in 2008 were Brose Tuscaloosa and ZF Lemforder in Tuscaloosa. Brose was the recipient of the 2007 award. These companies also received special recognition at the February 2009 AAMA meeting in Mobile.

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association was formed in 2001 to promote the growth and continuous improvement of automotive manufacturing in Alabama. AAMA has over 450 members. Founding members include Honda, Hyundai, International Diesel, Mercedes-Benz, and Toyota. For more information visit www.aama.to

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