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Alabama's 2010 Outstanding Automotive Suppliers

BIRMINGHAM, AL. (February 17, 2011) – EnovaPremier LLC, Montgomery, AL and ZF Lemforder Corporation, Tuscaloosa AL have been awarded the “2010 Alabama Supplier of the Year Best of Class” by the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association at its February meeting at the Barber Motorsports Museum in Birmingham AL. These two companies were recognized for their outstanding continuous improvement programs that have achieved world-class status.

Nineteen automotive suppliers were assessed in 2010 by the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) and Alabama Technology Network (ATN) using an assessment tool developed by Toyota. Manufacturers were assessed in seventeen categories and scored from 1-6 with a composite average of 5.5 being world class.

The categories in the assessment were disaster recovery, supply chain management, production scheduling, information flow, employee involvement, in-process inventory, component part inventory management, material handling, process flow, process flexibility, man/machine separation, quality, standards, 5S, visual controls, finished part management and shipping management

Mark Brazeal, President of AAMA and General Manager Administration at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Alabama in Huntsville, stated, “AAMA is pleased to recognize those automotive suppliers in Alabama that are truly world class manufacturers. Hopefully other automotive suppliers can use these companies as a benchmark in their self assessments.”

Other companies that were assessed by AIDT and ATN in 2010 and that received the “2010 Alabama Supplier of the Year Finalist” award were AGC Automotive Americas, Alabaster AL; BASF Catalysts LLC, Huntsville, AL; Bridgewater Interiors, Talladega, AL; CRH DAS LLC, Clanton, AL; Electricfil Corporation, Elkmont AL; Fleetwood Metals, Sylacauga, AL; GH Metals, Inc., Fort Payne, AL; Johnson Controls, Inc., Cottondale, AL; Halla Climate Systems Alabama, Shorter, AL; Hanwha L&C LLC, Opelika, AL; KTH Leesburg Products LLC, Leesburg, AL; Mangas Tool & Die, Muscle Shoals, AL; Max Coating, Inc., Birmingham, AL; Monarch Steel of Alabama; Madison, AL; NCI Manufacturing, Scottsboro, AL; SANO America, Scottsboro AL; and TS Tech Alabama LLC, Boaz, AL. These companies also received special recognition at the February 2010 AAMA meeting in Birmingham.

Nippon Oil Lubricants (America) LLC, Childersburg, AL also was a finalist and received special recognition as the most improved finalists.

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association was formed in 2001 to promote the growth and continuous improvement of automotive manufacturing in Alabama. AAMA has over 400 members. Founding members include Honda, Hyundai, International Diesel, Mercedes-Benz, and Toyota. For more information visit www.aama.to

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