



SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURER SEW-EURODRIVE HONORED FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

LYMAN, S.C. – April 1, 2008 – The SEW-EURODRIVE manufacturing plant in Lyman received a Top Plant award for operational excellence this month for its commitment to manufacturing practices that support productivity, empower people and protect the environment.

The 2007 award from *Plant Engineering* magazine honored the Lyman production facility as well as two other companies: Spirax Sarco in Blythewood, S.C., and Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance (GEMA) in Dundee, Mich. The Top Plant winners won praise from the magazine for committing to “environmentally responsible manufacturing,” while also enhancing profits.

The Lyman plant more than doubled productivity in the past seven years through innovation and automation, while increasing the number of manufacturing workers by only 6 percent. Fewer than 100 employees made an estimated 300,000 gear sets and housings in 2007.

“We strive for innovation and employee involvement in everything we do,” said plant manager Carl Hinze, who accepted the Top Plant award April 1 at the *Plant Engineering* Manufacturing Summit in Chicago. “Our management team not only wants to minimize costs and maximize operations, we also remain committed to improving our employees’ lives – both at work and in the community.”

About SEW-EURODRIVE

Engineering excellence and customer responsiveness distinguish SEW-EURODRIVE, a leading manufacturer of integrated power transmission and motion control systems. SEW solutions set the global standard for high performance and rugged reliability in the toughest operating conditions. Headquartered in Germany, the privately held company has more than 11,000 employees with a presence in 46 countries worldwide, including six facilities in the U.S. The U.S. operations include a state-of-the-art manufacturing center, five regional assembly plants, more than 60 technical sales offices and hundreds of distributors and support specialists, which enable SEW-EURODRIVE to provide local manufacturing, service and support, coast-to-coast and around the world. For more information, visit www.seweurodrive.com.

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