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## **Empi Division of DJO Global Receives 2012 Manufacturing Excellence Award**

**CHICAGO—October 22, 2012—**The Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to announce the Empi Division of DJO Global as a 2012 recipient of its Manufacturing Excellence Award.

Empi produces transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators, neuromuscular stimulators, iontophoretic drug delivery systems, incontinence systems and range-of-motion orthopedic devices. Its Clear Lake, Nevada, facilities consist of three buildings totaling more than 50,000 square feet and housing over 170 employees.

“The employees play a big part in what impressed the assessment team,” explains Paul Kuchuris, AME President. “The company has ‘quick and easy’ kaizen activities where employee ideas line the hallways and a large Employee Ambassador program—management even cooks pancakes when people have to come in on a Saturday. They also have a cross-functional team that audits internal quality systems and regular efforts toward right-sizing equipment and minimal finished goods with inventory turns over 17x.”

AME’s Manufacturing Excellence Awards honor North American manufacturing plants that demonstrate significant progress in their journeys toward enterprise excellence through continuous improvement over a three-year period. This award supports AME’s mission of inspiring commitment to enterprise excellence through shared learning and access to best practices.

The following companies were also award recipients at the ceremony held October 16, 2012, in Chicago:

- Sur-Seal®; Cincinnati, Ohio
- Silfex, a division of LAM Research; Eaton, Ohio
- Carson Valley Roasting Plant, Starbucks; Minden, Nevada

### **About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME)**

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME’s membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, seminars and plant tours, and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments, and improve the skills, competitiveness, and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the “Revitalization of Manufacturing in North America.” For more information, visit [www.ame.org](http://www.ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).

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