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Silfex Receives 2012 Manufacturing Excellence Award

CHICAGO—October 22, 2012—The Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to announce Silfex Incorporated as a 2012 recipient of its Manufacturing Excellence Award.

Silfex Incorporated, formerly Bullen Semiconductor, is the world's largest provider of high-purity custom silicon components and assemblies that serve a broad base of high technology markets. As a market leader in advanced materials, Silfex provides integrated silicon solutions for the solar, optics, and semiconductor equipment markets.

"The company's work to better understand the needs of its customers in a measurable way, and then use that information in its Hoshin Planning process set it apart as one of our award winners this year," says Paul Kuchuris, AME President. "That, and its strengths within the manufacturing environment including its outstanding work with visual controls for the customer service group and decreased number of defects. Further, they have significantly decreased costs over the last seven years, which is quite notable in the current economic environment."

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
- Carson Valley Roasting Plant, Starbucks; Minden, Nevada
- Empi Division of DJO Global; Clark Lake, South Dakota

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 or email info@ame.org.

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