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Sur-Seal® Receives 2012 Manufacturing Excellence Award

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

Sur-Seal® is a leading provider of high-quality engineered gaskets, seals and related rubber and plastic parts for a select set of original equipment manufacturers. Sur-Seal's® expertise in material selection for sealing applications is delivered by more than 100 associates and a blended sourcing network that spans the globe.

"There were two things that really impressed the group this year," explains Paul Kuchuris, AME President. "The company's 20-point assessment system used to rate performance and its unique value stream map, brought to life for employees in 3D by using Legos. These creative and thought-provoking tactics increased the value added by each employee from \$62 in 2008 to \$96 in 2011."

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:

- Silfex, a division of LAM Research; Eaton, 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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