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14 suppliers honored with European Supplier Awards in 2014

Johnson Controls presents its suppliers with awards for outstanding achievement

Neuss, Germany – 27 October 2014. *Johnson Controls, a global leader in automotive interiors, presented its annual European Supplier Awards last week. A total of 14 suppliers to the Interiors business were recognized for outstanding achievement at the Classic Remise in Dusseldorf with a Performance Award and/or Leadership Award.*

“We are proud to once again recognize the Interiors supply base for outstanding achievement,” said James Bos, Vice President Purchasing at Johnson Controls Automotive Interiors. “Our suppliers play a vital role in our success.”

The awards are based on quality, cost, logistics, development, technology and service. Depending on the total points earned, Johnson Controls honors suppliers with a Gold, Silver or Bronze Supplier Performance Award.

Twelve companies who provide injection-molded parts, plastics and resins, chemicals, foam, fabric and leather cutting, natural fibers and metal parts received the Supplier Performance Award this year. Three Johnson Controls suppliers received the Gold Performance Award: Polydesign Systems from Canada (leather and PVC components), Basell Deutschland GmbH (chemicals and plastics) and Taiwanese supplier Macauto Industrial Co. Ltd (sun visors and tonneau covers). The Silver award was given to IZO-BLOK S.A., Jute Kassel GmbH, Polyvlies Franz Beyer GmbH, Luebke & Vogt GmbH, Xin Point Corporation and Total Research and Technology Feluy. Vulcaflex S.p.A., BASF Polyurethanes GmbH and Styron Deutschland Anlagengesellschaft mbH were honored with a Bronze Supplier Performance Award.

Three suppliers receive Leadership Awards

Criteria for the Leadership Award were factors critical to the company’s success, such as sustainability, innovation, optimal quality, customer satisfaction, global growth and continuous performance improvement. This year, three Johnson Controls Interiors suppliers received the Leadership Award:

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Polyvlies Franz Beyer GmbH (Germany), Maier S. Coop (Spain) and Muerdter Dvořák, s.r.o. (Czech Republic).

The German Company Polyvlies Franz Beyer GmbH & Co. KG develops, produces and finishes technical nonwovens made out of synthetic, natural and/or mineral fibers. For Johnson Controls Polyvlies produces mainly natural fiber and acoustic nonwovens and in addition to the Silver Supplier Performance Award Polyvlies received the Leadership Award in the Global Growth category. Polyvlies received the award for the expansion of its production facilities and excellent performance in research and development which enabled the company to be globally competitive.

This year, the customer satisfaction award went to Spanish Maier S. Coop Ltda., a supplier of coated surface interior modules. They were recognized for proactive methods and expertise, technical product characteristics which were optimized in the product development phase. Supplier Mürdter Dvořák, lisovna s.r.o. received the Leadership Award in the Continuous Improvement (CI) category. The team at the plant in the Czech Republic worked with a Johnson Controls CI team and was able to achieve considerable improvements in production efficiency, reduction of rejects and production control.

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