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Maine Manufacturing Receives the 2010 Governor's Award for Business Excellence

Sanford, (ME) April 1, 2010 — Maine Manufacturing, LLC is proud to announce that it has been awarded the 2010 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. The award is annually given to companies who demonstrate a clear commitment to corporate sustainability, to its employees and to the community. Craig Cunningham, the founder of Maine Manufacturing, accepted the award on behalf of the company from Governor John Baldacci, Thursday afternoon.

In existence since 2007 Maine Manufacturing has seen tremendous growth. Founded as a customized manufacturing partner, Cunningham saw a need in the industry for a business that would work with customers from "concept to completion." Chosen for the award because of its deep rooted dedication to keeping jobs in Maine, Maine Manufacturing negotiated a deal with GE Healthcare in 2009 over part of its Whatman Division.

In September 2008, General Electric had announced the closing of one of Whatman's largest manufacturing facilities, located just down the road from Maine Manufacturing in Sanford, Maine. The operation was to move overseas, eliminating 275 local jobs. In an effort to mitigate the economic impact to the area, and to rapidly add significant volume to its business, Maine Manufacturing approached GE with an offer to keep parts of the business being relocated in Maine. After lengthy negotiations, Maine Manufacturing entered into an agreement to acquire certain assets from the Whatman Division of GE Healthcare, effective January 1, 2010.

"At Maine Manufacturing our employees are our biggest asset. We are committed to working closely with them to develop unique processes and quality products for large-scale industrial use," Cunningham said. The benefits package for Maine Manufacturing employees includes quality health insurance with a flexible spending account option, life insurance and disability insurance. Inspired by "The Little Red Hen", a children's book Cunningham read to his children, Maine Manufacturing is dedicated to making sure that all employees are involved in the decision making process, are well trained and rewarded for their hard work.

Maine Manufacturing now has a base of over 85 highly skilled employees, all of whom would have lost their jobs without this agreement. With the addition of these employees and committed business from GE, Maine Manufacturing plans to rapidly grow its non-GE based business, and become a major supplier to the scientific, medical and diagnostics industry both in the United States as well as internationally.



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