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Mitutoyo America honored with Ford's 2005 World Excellence Award

June 2006, Aurora, Illinois – Mitutoyo America Corporation announced it has received a Ford Motor Company World Excellence Award. The award was one of sixty World Excellence Awards presented to Ford's top global suppliers for their performance in 2005. Mr. Tsuyoshi Yamamura, President, Mitutoyo America Corp. accepted the award in a ceremony held at the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan, on May 3, 2006.

The World Excellence Awards recognize suppliers who not only achieve highest levels of cost, quality and delivery, but who also embrace the vision to build on Ford's legacy of driving innovation to new heights. Mitutoyo's award was for Recognition of Achievement in New Consumer-Focused Technology.

"Our World Excellence Award-winning suppliers are integral to our ability to address the needs of customers today and tomorrow," said Tony (Thomas K.) Brown, Senior Vice President, Ford Global Purchasing. "We are grateful for their ceaseless concentration on delivering value."

Mr. Yamamura commented, "We at Mitutoyo are gratified to have achieved this level of recognition from one of the world's largest automakers. Over the past year, as a company, we have worked diligently to supply Ford Motor Company

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with the most advanced form measurement technology. The result of Mitutoyo's effort was the selection of our SV-M3000 CNC form measuring machine by Ford for installation in multiple North American manufacturing facilities. Partnering with the staff at Ford in identifying this metrology solution was the culmination of a team effort within the Mitutoyo organization.”

Initial Ford SV-M3000 applications will be in powertrain components, replacing manual measurement in cylinder head manufacturing cells. Eventually this technology is also expected to be applied in block, crank, and cylinder manufacturing cells.

Mitutoyo Corporation is the world’s largest provider of measurement and inspection solutions offering the most complete selection of machines, sensors, systems and services with a line encompassing CMMs (Coordinate Measuring Machines), vision, form and finish measuring machines as well as precision tools and instruments, and metrology data management software.

Mitutoyo’s nationwide network of Metrology Centers and support operations provides application, calibration, service, repair and educational programs to ensure that our 6,000+ metrology products will deliver measurement solutions for our customers throughout their lifetime. Contact Mitutoyo America Corporation, 965 Corporate Boulevard, Aurora, IL 60502. Phone: (630) 820-9666
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