



Kennametal Named Among America's Safest Companies

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LATROBE, Pa., Nov. 1, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Kennametal Inc. (NYSE: KMT) announced today that it has been named one of America's Safest Companies by *EHS Today*, a leading environment, health and safety industry publication.

Kennametal was selected among America's Safest Companies for its comprehensive commitment to employee health and safety. The award serves as an affirmation of Kennametal's 100% Safe philosophy - a philosophy that encompasses the company worldwide from senior leadership to every employee.

"Our people are our competitive advantage, and a 100% Safe work environment helps ensure we are protecting our most valued assets every day," said Kennametal Chairman, President and CEO Carlos Cardoso. "Safety is good business, and it is no coincidence that firms with excellence in safety are among the top financial performers. Working safely is about all of us, and we are committed to creating a culture where we work 100% Safe, 100 percent of the time to continue to deliver on our promise to each other, our customers and our shareholders."

Kennametal's designation as one of America's Safest Companies is only the most recent such award for the company, which has been recognized time and again for its exceptional commitment to safety in the United States and around the world. Kennametal's 100% Safe objectives are carried out through initiatives such as Management Based Safety - which engages the company's management team in leading safety processes - and a progressive Environmental, Health and Safety organization. In addition, Kennametal has distinguished itself with a proactive Safety Leadership Team whose executive-level members conduct regular programs with employees.

Kennametal Inc. (NYSE: KMT) delivers productivity to customers seeking peak performance in demanding environments by providing innovative custom and standard wear-resistant solutions. This proven productivity is enabled through our advanced materials sciences and application knowledge. Our commitment to a sustainable environment provides additional value to our customers. Companies operating in everything from airframes to coal mining, from engines to oil wells and from turbochargers to construction recognize Kennametal for extraordinary contributions to their value chains. In fiscal year 2011, customers bought approximately \$2.4 billion of Kennametal products and services - delivered by approximately 11,000 talented employees doing business in more than 60 countries - with more than 50 percent of these revenues coming from outside North America. Visit us at <http://www.kennametal.com/>.

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