



Kennametal Honors Excellence in Environmental Health and Safety

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LATROBE, Pa., Nov 27, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Kennametal Inc. (NYSE: KMT) announced today that it has presented its fifth annual Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Excellence Awards to six Kennametal projects worldwide. The awards recognize excellence in promoting progressive environmental, health and safety initiatives. This year Kennametal received a record 52 nominations spanning a wide array of projects and ideas.

"At Kennametal, Environmental Health and Safety is an integral part of our core business strategy," commented Kennametal President and CEO Carlos Cardoso. "We are committed to helping safeguard the health and safety of our employees and the environments in which they operate. We are honored to recognize the projects that showcase excellence in this area and commend the locations for their continued commitment to EHS initiatives."

Winners of the 2006 EHS Excellence Awards were chosen by a set of six external judges representing various environmental, health and safety institutions. Nominees were judged according to their demonstration of leadership, innovation, facility collaboration, employee benefit, measurable cost and risk reduction and improvement in business operations and quality.

This year's winners are:

- * Presidential Award for Health and Safety: ROGERS, ARKANSAS
Through analysis of historical data and current operations, the Kennametal Rogers facility reduced the frequency of employee manual lifting without compromising efficiency.
- * Presidential Award for Environmental: BANGALORE, INDIA
Through a series of engineering controls, Kennametal's Bangalore facility significantly reduced the average load on their electrical systems and annual power consumption.
- * Health and Safety Excellence Award: JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE
Kennametal's Johnson City facility was recognized for their very successful safety programs.
- * Health and Safety Excellence Award: BANGALORE, INDIA
Through installation of a water-cooled vibro conveyor, Kennametal's Bangalore facility is continuing to protect the health and safety of their employees.
- * Environmental Excellence Award: CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Kennametal's Clemson plant developed a winning process that reduced waste generation and provided significant financial savings.
- * Environmental Excellence Award: NABBURG RUBIG, GERMANY
Kennametal's Nabburg Rubig facility improved its building's structure to be more energy efficient and reduced heating energy usage year over year.

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