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LITTELFUSE (WUXI, CHINA) RECOGNIZED AS AN AME 2016 EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENT

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. – Nov. 7, 2016 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to name Littelfuse (Wuxi, China) as a recipient of the AME 2016 Excellence Award, which recognizes manufacturing plants that have demonstrated excellence in business and manufacturing. AME president and CEO George Saiz visited the Littelfuse corporate headquarters in Chicago on Nov. 3 to present the award. The company was also honored during the AME 2016 International Conference, held Oct. 24-28 in Dallas, Texas.

The AME Excellence Award acknowledges continuous improvement, best practices, creativity and innovation. The rigorous selection process begins when a company submits an extensive achievement report based on the AME Excellence Award evaluation criteria. Achievement reports are evaluated by the AME award assessment team. For companies that score high enough in this achievement report review, an intensive site visit is completed, during which a volunteer team of manufacturing practitioners validates the submitted achievement report. Recipients of the Excellence Award are selected based on the combined results of the achievement report review and site visit feedback.

“This award is a testament to the high standards of operational excellence that we instill at all Littelfuse manufacturing facilities around the world,” said Gordon Hunter, chairman and chief executive officer of Littelfuse. “It is an added honor for our Wuxi, China semiconductor plant to be the first recipient of the AME Excellence Award outside of North America.”

During their evaluation, the AME assessment team highlighted the facility’s comprehensive safety program, which includes monthly safety reviews. Safety is included on supplier scorecards, and every associate is expected to provide one safety improvement opportunity each month. The assessors praised the facility’s excellent use of value stream mapping to identify improvement opportunities, which feeds into the policy deployment process. The team also commended the Total Production Maintenance (TPM) system in place that allows the maintenance and engineering teams to focus on the right things. They also noted the well-documented work processes that have clear step-by-step instructions and visual aids that associates can easily access from their workstations.

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“All managers and front line supervisors demonstrated their passion toward continuous improvement and hands-on involvement, and they were highly interactive with employees, exhibiting a positive and energized drive toward cultural transformation,” stated the assessment report. “It is clear Littelfuse Wuxi’s leadership is serious about the pursuit of excellence within the facility. The assessor team could see many examples that demonstrate the journey is underway, and that efforts have accelerated in the past few years.”

Also honored as 2016 Excellence Award recipients are Accuride de Mexico, Goodyear Innovation Center – Akron, MillerCoors Trenton Brewery and O.C. Tanner.

To learn more about the AME Excellence Award and the 2016 recipients, visit www.ame.org/excellence-awards.

About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME’s membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. Join AME in leading the “Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America.” For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

About Littelfuse

Founded in 1927, Littelfuse is the world leader in circuit protection with growing global platforms in power control and sensing. The company serves customers in the electronics, automotive and industrial markets with technologies including fuses, semiconductors, polymers, ceramics, relays and sensors. Littelfuse has over 10,000 employees in more than 40 locations throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia. For more information, please visit the Littelfuse website: Littelfuse.com.

About Littelfuse (Wuxi, China)

The Littelfuse facility in Wuxi, China, produces semiconductor products that provide circuit protection for a broad range of markets including consumer electronics, telecom, automotive, aerospace and home appliance products. The facility includes silicon wafer fabrication, assembly and final test buildings and employs approximately 1,000 associates.

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