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Orchid International Receives 2006 Excellence in Manufacturing Award

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Orchid International has been chosen as a co-recipient of an Excellence in Manufacturing Award in the large manufacturing category. CEO and co-owner Grant Bibby accepted the award on behalf of Orchid International.

“We are deeply honored just to have been nominated alongside all of the outstanding companies residing in and around the Nashville area,” Bibby said. “The credit for this award definitely goes to our employees. Their hard work and dedication is what propels us.”



From left to right: Co-owners Steve Gruver and Grant Bibby accept the 2006 Excellence in Manufacturing Award for large manufacturer.

Presented by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, PC and Affiliates, Wachovia, and the Nashville Business Journal, the annual event honors manufacturers of various sizes for their financial achievements, commitment to excellence, community and environmental policies, and internal processes. Nominated companies are first judged based on their written responses to a set of questions. The top competitors, as determined by their written scores, then host judges for a tour of their facilities. The judges’ scores from the plant visit are then totaled with the scores from the written assessment to determine the winners in each of three categories – small, medium, and large manufacturer of the year.

“During the awards dinner, the attendees were informed that the judges were equally impressed with the two top nominees for large manufacturer of the year – Orchid International and Purity Dairies, a nationally-recognized leader in the production of dairy-based products,” stated Steve Gruver, co-owner of Orchid.

J. Holly Dolloff, writer for the Nashville Business Journal, summed up the situation succinctly. “For judges Allen Hovious and Doug Ward, the decision between finalists for large manufacturer of the year was just too close to call...‘ They are both so advanced, not only in their technical developments but also in their thinking,’ Hovious stated. ‘ It was a joy to be with each of them.’”

Founded in 1988, Orchid International provides world-class metal stamping and assembly and motor lamination stamping and die casting products and services to the automotive, appliance, lawn and garden and numerous other metal stamping-related industries throughout North America. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, Orchid

International operates five manufacturing facilities strategically located in Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Ontario to service customers throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. For additional information, please contact Chris Daniel, Marketing & Communications Manager, at 615-373-7664, chrisd@orchidinternational.com or visit online at orchidinternational.com.

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