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Vancouver Island Business Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award

NANAIMO, B.C. – VMAC, one of Vancouver Island's most successful manufacturing businesses, has been named the Vancouver Island Manufacturer of the Year at the Business Examiner's 2010 Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards.

"VMAC distinguishes itself from traditional air compressor manufacturers by developing 100% VMAC products; engineered, manufactured and assembled on site," said Tony Menard, President and Owner of VMAC. "We're really proud to support the community economy. Everyone who works at VMAC is very attentive to detail and involved in building and improving the company, not just our products. When the team is focused on making the workplace better we all have control over our future and the future of the company."

The awards, which took place at the Victoria Conference Center on April 1, considered many facets of business performance when selecting winners from the 21 categories. Judging for the Manufacturer of the Year category took into consideration:

- VMAC's industry-leading customer care and cutting edge technical support team, the award-winning, world class Research and Development department, the expansion into international markets (including Europe, Australia and South America) and continued delivery of innovative solutions to the most pressing issues in the work truck field.
- VMAC's flexibility and quick adaptive responses to numerous industry changes, from recent emissions controls and restrictive government legislation, to customs regulations and homeland security. In response to issuance of mandatory emissions controls for all new light-medium duty work trucks, VMAC Research and Development were already designing systems to adapt to the changes. Within three months following the 2008 trucks release, VMAC had a system to fit while competitors were still at the drawing board.



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- VMAC's sustainability initiatives incorporate company-wide recycling of paper, plastic and aluminum waste and use of low-energy lighting and biodegradable cleaning supplies. VMAC also employs a scrap aluminum and metal recycling program so that all scrap metals are sorted and recycled. Additionally, VMAC's IT department participates in electronics equipment and hazardous technology waste recycling.
- In support of the community, VMAC distinguished itself from traditional air compressor manufacturers by developing 100% VMAC products; air compressor systems that aren't just assembled in the facility, but engineered and manufactured locally, allowing VMAC to direct more resources back into the local community - by increasing the workforce as opposed to suppliers. However, when suppliers are needed, VMAC orders materials locally wherever feasible.

“It's a great honour to have our commitment and hard work recognized after a year of economic challenges,” said Malcolm Hargrave, CFO. “It's a testament to the resourcefulness and hard work of our entire VMAC team.”

The Business Examiner's Vancouver Island Business Excellence Awards, the largest business awards on the Island, have been celebrating business excellence across Vancouver Island for more than 25 years.

For more information about VMAC, VMAC UNDERHOOD and VMAC Hydraulic Air Compressor Systems and Throttles, visit www.vmacair.com or call 1-800-738-8622.

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VMAC is a manufacturer of air compressor systems for the mobile-mechanic, tire service, utilities and construction industries. Specializing in UNDERHOOD and Hydraulic Above-Deck Systems, VMAC is credited with developing the lightest and most compact mobile air compressors available in the industry.



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