

Press information

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### **Converteam recognised for world class manufacturing**

Converteam, the power conversion specialists have scooped top honours in this year's Manufacturer 2008 Live Awards. At Wednesday evening's ceremony in London's ExCel arena ten members of the company's UK team were present to lift the prize in the World Class Manufacturing category. Converteam received the prestigious accolade before an audience of 400 industry executives.

Converteam won the World Class Manufacturing Award for the business development and productivity improvements it has made at its Kidsgrove site. This facility is responsible for producing some of the company's leading range of drives, including the MV3000 which is widely used in the most advanced wind turbines. In order to win the award, Converteam's entire approach to manufacturing came under close scrutiny from the judges, including its monitoring and analysis of lead times, customer returns, work content, labour minutes per unit, inventory levels and cycle times.

Stephen Beattie, General Manager at Kidsgrove who received the award on behalf of Converteam said, "Winning this award is a great achievement against stiff opposition and shows what can be achieved when we work together as a team. We have weathered the downturn experienced by traditional industries to emerge as the UK's biggest supplier of wind turbine converters. Due to the combination of innovative design and lean manufacturing methods, this 300 strong site has shipped nearly four Giga-watts of power converters in the last three years alone, making it a key player in the global renewable revolution."

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#### **About Converteam**

Converteam Group is a world leader in power conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, it is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives and process automation. Serving specialised sectors as well as its core markets in Marine, Oil & Gas and Offshore, Energy and Industry, its 4,600 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. At year-end 07, the Converteam sales totalled EUR 875,000,000

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