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Lean Manufacturing Expert Visits AccuRounds

Avon, MA – December 15, 2009: David Mann, author of *Creating a Lean Culture: Tools to sustain lean conversions*, took a plant tour of AccuRounds recently to view their advances in lean management implementations.

AccuRounds adopted the lean philosophy in 1995, and in 2006, became the first contract metalworking company in North America to receive the Northeast Shingo Prize, Silver Medal. The company was awarded the medal in recognition of the success it has had with continuous improvement and lean practices. One of the many changes AccuRounds made in the way they operate was to reconfigure the entire plant floor layout designed around value streams, supported by a lean management system that allowed for an intense focus on process control and customer service. These dramatic changes resulted in:

- Decreased lead times by more than 50%
- Reduced cost of quality to well below 1% of sales
- Improved on-time delivery to greater than 97%
- Enhanced culture of employee alignment and engagement

“AccuRounds has applied the ideas of visual controls to bring process focus supported by standard work for leaders. They have done so in creative ways that meet the needs of their operation, and have been part of driving improvement at the company. Nice work!”, said David Mann.

“Having David Mann visit our plant to observe the latest lean management techniques that we have incorporated into our business was a great honor”, said Michael Tamasi, President of AccuRounds. “With his years of esteemed experience, David could validate that we have been successful at adopting a lean culture that will continue to evolve.”

David Mann spent 21 years working at Steelcase, where he developed and applied the concepts of a lean management system. His current practice includes lean and lean management implementation, troubleshooting stalled lean initiatives, as well as frequent training and speaking engagements on lean management. His book, *Creating a Lean Culture: Tools to sustain lean conversions*, was awarded the Shingo Prize in 2006 and is in its ninth printing.

AccuRounds, located in Avon, MA, manufactures custom precision cylindrical components serving a variety of industries. Capabilities include CNC Swiss screw machining, CNC turning and CNC milling. For more information, visit www.accurounds.com.

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