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Mitternight Inc. receives 2014 Governor's Trade Excellence Award

Satsuma-based manufacturer is recognized as a top contributor among Alabama exporters.

SATSUMA, Ala. – Mitternight Inc. has been named a recipient of the 2014 Governor's Trade Excellence Award for its contributions to Alabama's economy and success in international exporting as an Alabama-based manufacturing company.

Lance Covan, chairman of the board at Mitternight, traveled to Montgomery on March 5, to accept the honor during the Governor's Trade Excellence Awards Ceremony at the Capitol. Immediately following, the Export Alabama Alliance hosted a luncheon in honor of the award recipients.

"We are extremely honored to receive this prestigious award," said Covan. "Every member of our team takes pride in the work we do to promote international business growth in Alabama."

Objectives of the Governor's Trade Excellence Award include identifying Alabama's successful and innovative exporters to encourage greater involvement in the global marketplace by promoting exporters as role models to the Alabama business community. Applicants are separated into categories including small, medium and large exporters, as well as new-to-export companies that work in the manufacturing, service and/or agribusiness sectors. A panel comprised of members from the Export Alabama Alliance selects eight recipients for the award using criteria that assesses the value and economic impact of each Alabama company's export sales.

Mitternight manufactures vessels of every size, material and finish following the standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Mitternight produces ASME-code vessels including heat exchangers, chemical reactors, distillation columns and other pressure vessels for Fortune 500 customers in the petro-chemical, energy and refining industries worldwide.

"In order for Mitternight to excel in international business, we often host customers from around the globe at our facilities in Alabama," said Covan. "In 2013, we hosted delegates from Europe, South America and Asia."

Mitternight also sends representatives from their company to foreign countries to meet potential customers and research new target markets. Most recently, representatives have traveled to Dubai, U.A.E and Europe. Mitternight is licensed to export to China through their Chinese A2 Stamp, which involves a rigorous renewal and approval process every four years. The company also fabricates pressure vessels and equipment under a European certificate known as the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED), which pertains to the design, manufacture, testing and conformity assessment of pressure equipment and assemblies of pressure equipment being put into service within the European Union and the European Economic Area.

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About Mitternight Inc.

Established in 1927, Mitternight Inc. was founded on the principles of customer satisfaction and quality production. As an international manufacturer of vessels for Fortune 500 customers, Mitternight manufactures secure, reliable vessels of every size, material and finish to meet the standards of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) from our facility in Satsuma, Ala. For more information on Mitternight, visit <http://mitternight.com>.

About the Governor's Trade Excellence Award

The Governor's Trade Excellence Award was established in 2005 (inaugurated in 2006) and represents the commitment and strong cooperation that exists between federal, state, regional, and local entities and the business community to support and encourage Alabama companies to grow through exporting.