



Press Release

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White Horse Plastics gains TS16949:2002 accreditation Commitment to Quality Management System helps key automotive customers

Stanford-in-the Vale – October 31st 2003 – White Horse Plastics, an Oxfordshire based manufacturer of plastic injection moulded components today announced that it has been awarded ISO/TS16949 certification, the new global automotive quality system standard.

While the company manufactures a wide variety of parts for other industries, it has particular expertise in gear shifter systems as well as headlamp and screen wash components for a number of 1st tier automotive suppliers.

The award follows an intensive period of internal reviews clearly defining all processes step-by-step and the subsequent demonstration of improved working practices to BSI auditors. This is in line with stringent IATF* requirements for the standard. The result is the development of a globally recognized quality management system that provides for continual improvement, with an emphasis on defect prevention and waste reduction in the supply chain.

'We are delighted to be able to offer our major customers the confidence that our attaining this certification provides', says Managing Director Rod Houghton. 'Providing the greatest level of customer satisfaction through high levels of expertise, innovation, quality and service are our core objectives'.

'The ability to achieve this standard reflects the commitment of our team here at WHP', says Colin Voller, Quality Manager. 'Without their support in meeting the exacting requirements of the certification process across all aspects of the business we would not have received accreditation. What is more, because TS16949 encompasses ISO 9001:2000, all of our customers will benefit from the process improvements and continual monitoring of quality standards that this certification requires'.

White Horse Plastics has over 30 years of experience, with proven expertise in supporting customers' needs from design concept through to production. Specialising in the development and production of tight tolerance technical injection mouldings and sub assemblies using a wide range of thermoplastics from commodity materials through to the exotic, emphasis is placed on providing the correct solution at the right price. Machines range from 20 – 210 Tonne and include twin shot and gas injection capabilities.

*International Automotive Task Force

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