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Snap-on's Murphy, N.C. Facility Named One of North America's 10 Best Plants

KENOSHA, Wis. – January 19, 2011 – *IndustryWeek* magazine has selected Snap-on's Murphy, N.C. power tools manufacturing facility as one of the top 10 plants in North America.

"This is a tremendous honor for Snap-on and all associates who work at the Murphy facility," said Nick Pinchuk, chairman and CEO of Snap-on Incorporated. "We thank *IndustryWeek* for this great recognition. More importantly, we thank our Murphy associates who are committed day in and day out to delivering the world's best professional power tools to our customers across the globe."

The goal of *IndustryWeek's* award program is to recognize plants, located in North America, that are on the leading edge of increasing competitiveness, enhancing customer satisfaction and creating stimulating and rewarding work environments.

"We believe the Snap-on power tools plant in Murphy, N.C., is a pacesetter among North American manufacturers in terms of operational strategy, production practices and performance, and will continue to lead the way in the future," said Jill Jusko, *IndustryWeek's* Best Plants director.

The *IndustryWeek* "Best Plants" awards have been presented since 1990. Each year, *IndustryWeek* conducts a multi-month evaluation and selection process. Plants are judged in 13 specific categories such as performance management, quality achievements and new product development. A panel of *IndustryWeek* editors, along with outside experts, examines the practices and performances and using a weighted scoring system, chooses the "Best Plants."

Snap-on's Murphy plant is a 168,000 square-foot facility built in 2002 and employs over 215 Snap-on associates. The plant manufactures Snap-on® brand power tools for the vehicle repair industry and Sioux® brand power tools for industrial assembly.

About Snap-on

Snap-on Incorporated (NYSE: SNA) is a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, equipment, diagnostics, repair information and systems solutions for professional users. Products and services include hand and power tools, tool storage, diagnostics software, information and management systems, shop equipment and other solutions for vehicle dealerships and repair centers, as well as customers in industry, government, agriculture, aviation and natural resources. Products and services are sold through the company's franchisee, company-direct, distributor and Internet channels. Founded in 1920, Snap-on is a \$2.4 billion, S&P 500 Company headquartered in Kenosha, Wis.

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