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UTEC Named Top Plant by Industry Week

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 17, 2008 – *IndustryWeek* magazine today named Huntington-based UT Electronic Controls (UTEC), a unit of Carrier Corp. one of the 10 best plants in North America. Winners of the 2008 Best Plant competition are selected based on performance metrics, as well as dedication to continually improving people, processes and performance. Carrier Corp. is a unit of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

“The world-class performances of this year’s winners demonstrate the excellence that results from strong leadership, an engaged workforce and outstanding operational and improvement strategies. Their leading-edge efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance customer satisfaction, and create rewarding work environments are worth emulating,” said Jill Jusko, *IndustryWeek* Best Plants director.

Esther Johnson, vice president and general manager, Carrier Electronics, said, “Our employees are honored to receive such a prestigious award. This award acknowledges our teams' commitment to excellence and continued improvement in manufacturing.”



UTEC's award application detailed its accomplishments related to quality, employee involvement, customer and supplier relations, productivity, cost reductions, inventory management, responsiveness, environmental and safety performance, new product development and overall market results.

UTEC was selected for its efficient and strategic manufacturing processes that empower the plant to capitalize on leading-edge automation technology. By leveraging common processes, flexible lean manufacturing and highly trained personnel, its products exceed customer expectations.

"Our dedicated employees have worked hard to improve quality, productivity, and customer satisfaction over the last few years," said Joel Jerabek, director of operations, UT Electronic Controls. "I am very proud of our team's accomplishment."

UTEC will be honored at the 2009 *IndustryWeek* Best Plant conference slated for April 27-29, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn.

About UTEC

Based in Huntington, Ind., UTEC manufactures microprocessor-based controls for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration manufacturers worldwide. The company is also a major supplier of standard and programmable thermostats and zoning systems.

About Carrier Corp.

Carrier Corp., headquartered in Farmington, Conn., is the world's largest provider of heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration solutions. With 2007 revenues of \$14.6 billion, Carrier has approximately 43,000 employees worldwide and operations in more than 170 countries. Carrier is part of United Technologies Corp., a Hartford, Connecticut-based provider of products and services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide. Visit www.carrier.com for more information.

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