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Cross is Turbomeca's Supplier of the Year 2010

Cross Manufacturing Company, the Bath-based high temperature precision seal engineering specialist, has succeeded in the face of fierce competition to win the 2010 Supplier of the Year Award from Turbomeca, a major international aerospace company.

Based in France, Turbomeca is part of the Safran Group and a world-leading designer and manufacturer of gas turbines for helicopters and turbo-jet engines for aircraft.

Components manufactured by Cross for these engines encompass high temperature piston sealing rings and retaining rings. Several thousand components are manufactured in the Cross factory in Bath for Turbomeca each year. Advice on design is also provided by Cross specialist engineers to assist with the achievement of optimum performance for these vital engine components.

The ability of Cross to achieve strict new delivery schedules drawn up by Turbomeca has made a significant contribution to winning the award. A team effort involving the co-operation of staff from both Cross and Turbomeca identified how improvements could be achieved in the areas of manufacture and stock management to guarantee a programme of phased deliveries within time frames that have been reduced to just five days. The results of the improvements have achieved a 100% delivery and quality performance for most of the period.

The Supplier of the Year Award was presented to William Smith-Haddon of Cross Manufacturing at a ceremony held at the Turbomeca headquarters in Bordes in June of this year.

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Some of the members of the Cross team responsible for the Turbomeca contract and the Supplier of the Year Award.