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THREE IN A ROW FOR CLARO'S ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Claro Precision Engineering has made it an impressive three in a row after picking up a prestigious national industry award for the third successive year.

Yorkshire based Claro, UK leaders in the field of precision engineering, came out on top at the strongly contested industry awards for engineering excellence – making it a unique treble success.

The influential Gauge and Toolmakers Association's (GTMA) World Class awards are held annually to highlight the quality of British manufacturing and to reward those at the very top of the engineering industry. The familiar sight of the Claro team took to the stage for the third year in a row to collect the 2005 World Class award for Excellence in Engineering.

Claro, which employs 47 people, manufactures machined components, kits and assemblies for the medical, aerospace, telecommunications, microwave and instrumentation sectors.

Simon Simmons, editor of event sponsors "Production Engineering Solutions" magazine said: "We are proud to have sponsored the GTMA's World Class Awards for some six years. During that time I cannot recall another company winning the overall award by such a clear margin, or with as much determination to go on and win it again and again."

And he added the award was "a testament to the clear drive and commitment to being not just a World Class company, but the **best British World Class company.**"

News release Claro PR16a continued:

Jubilant Claro managing director Martin Doxey said: “We are delighted to have won the award for the third successive year. It is a huge encouragement to the whole workforce at Claro whose efforts have been recognized, and gives a clear message to potential customers - Claro delivers nothing less than world class.”

He added: “The awards are designed to encourage change and continuous improvement – something we are very proud to have achieved consistently at Claro. I believe the key to our success is the constant drive to improve – we want to be viewed as the leading sub contract manufacturer in the world. To achieve this we will continue to invest in both our equipment and staff and in building long term relationships with our customers, staff and suppliers.”

And there is no doubt that Claro customers will continue to receive the highest quality - last year the company invested £250,000 in a Matsuura Horizontal Machining Centre which was installed at the Knaresborough workshop in November, and further major investment will follow.

And as for the awards in 2006 – it is just possible that Claro can make it an unprecedented four in a row!

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News release Claro PR16a continued:

Background Information

Claro Precision Engineering was established in 1978 and operates from purpose built premises in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

The business employs 47 people and produces a wide range of precision items, kits and assemblies. These include medical implants and tools, aerospace components, laser parts and assemblies as well as components for the defence, security, fire protection, sub sea and microwave communications and other industries.

Using a wide range of CNC machining centres including Bridgeport, Kitamura, Hitachi Seiki and four Matsuura high speed CNC machining centres backed up with conventional machining, fitting and assembly, Claro Precision offers one of the most comprehensive subcontract services available for concept to component manufacture. ISO 9001 approved, the business prides itself on the quality of its production. The level of professionalism offered has enabled Claro Precision Engineering to win contracts with a number of household names.

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