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Motor Manufacturer Wins Second Prestigious Queen's Award

A Yorkshire based, world-leading designer and manufacturer of large electrical machines, ATB Morley, has been awarded with a second Queen's Award for Innovation.

The highly prestigious awards, which are divided into three categories: International Trade, Innovation and Sustainable Development, are the UK's most noteworthy awards for business performance.

ATB Morley is winning the Queen's Award for Innovation; 2010 for the company's continuous development of high voltage electric motors. Last year the ATB Morley won its first Queen's Award in the International Trade category, for doubling its exports over a three year period.

Ian Lomax, Managing Director of ATB Morley comments:

"We are absolutely thrilled to win this second award. Last year we were fortunate enough to win a Queen's Award for our export growth. This year we are winning an award that recognises how we achieved this.

ATB Morley has a reputation for innovation, continuously developing and adapting our designs to meet customer needs. Innovation for ATB Morley is about delivering incremental development and improvement for commercial success. This award truly reflects what we do, and need to do, to remain competitive. Innovation is driven by the entrepreneurial and opportunistic spirit that runs right through the organisation. This is a very significant achievement for everyone at Morley."

High voltage motors designed by ATB Morley are used in a number of applications, but principally are found throughout the world for coal cutting and conveying applications. The motors operate in hazardous conditions underground and to comply with safety requirements must be incapable of igniting any methane gas present.

The commercially successful motors developed include solutions negating the use for traditional step down transformers, such as an 11kV face conveyor motor and a low output high voltage motor.

In 2008 ATB Morley historically delivered the first ever 11kV motor for a coal mining application and in 2009 developed the largest ever shear motors. The company is also developing motors for other markets such as special industrial applications, ministry of defence and is currently developing products for the renewables market.

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All ATB Morley products are design and manufactured across their three sites in Leeds, Bradford and Stockport. Overall it employs just over 200 people covering design, fabrication, machining, winding, assembly and testing disciplines.

ATB Morley is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Austrian company ATB Antriebstechnik AG. Headquartered in Vienna, ATB Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of electrical drive systems for industrial applications and appliances. Its UK subsidiaries include ATB Laurence Scott Ltd in Norwich and Brook Crompton in Huddersfield and Birmingham. ATB itself is a sub-goup of Vienna listed and domiciled A-TEC Industries AG.

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