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[tweir@acument.com](mailto:tweir@acument.com)**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Acument Global Technologies Announces TORX® Drive System World Class Quality Award Winners for 2008**

**Troy, Mich.** (June 16, 2009) – Acument Global Technologies, Inc. (Acument), a leading supplier of mechanical fastening technology, today announced the 2008 winners of its TORX® Drive System World Class Quality Awards. Owner of one of the largest and longest-running intellectual property licensing programs in the fastening industry, Acument established the annual award program in 2005 to recognize its high-performing, qualified licensees who demonstrate the greatest commitment to manufacturing high quality, authentic TORX® fasteners and tooling during the previous calendar year. Five drive tool producers and six fastener manufacturers representing Germany, Japan, Taiwan, and the United States were among Acument TORX® licensees receiving the award for 2008 performance. They include:

**TORX® Drive Tool Licensees**

- Cooper Industries – Dayton, Ohio, USA (fourth time)
- Master Manufacturing Co., Inc. – Evansville, Ind., USA (third time)
- Robert Schroeder GmbH & Co. – Wuppertal, Germany (fourth time)
- Western Forge – Colorado Springs, Colo., USA (third time)
- Zephyr Manufacturing Company – Inglewood, Calif., USA (second time)

**TORX® Fastener Licensees**

- Holbrook Manufacturing – Wheeling, Ill., USA (second time)
- Natec Co., Inc. – Esashi-City, Iwate, Japan (first time)
- PB Fasteners – Gardena, Calif., USA (first time)
- QST International Corporation – Tainan, Taiwan (second time)
- Semblex Corporation – Elmhurst, Ill, USA (first time)
- Yamashina Corporation – Kyoto, Japan (third time)

“The TORX® World Class Quality Awards program’s global participation represents the reach of Acument’s technology licensing activity and the extensive adoption of our TORX® Drive System by the world’s leading manufacturing markets,” said Marty Bieschke, Director of Intellectual Property and Licensing for Acument. “Only two companies – Cooper Industries and Robert Schroeder GmbH & Co – have won the award in each of the competition’s four years, achieving an elite level of technical, manufacturing and service performance for licensed TORX® manufacturers around the world.”

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This year's award winners illustrate the broad applicability of the TORX® Drive System to a myriad of manufacturing applications, from alternative energy generation and aerospace assembly to the shipbuilding, medical and white goods industries.

Since its introduction in the 1960s, the TORX® Drive System has become the world's leading high-performance drive system for threaded assemblies in a broad range of applications and end-use markets due to its clear advantages in numerous assembly situations, Bieschke said. Qualified licensed manufacturers have produced billions of TORX® and the newer TORX PLUS® drive systems for automotive, industrial, electronics, aerospace, and other markets.

For more information on becoming a licensee of Acument Global Technologies, Inc. and its renowned TORX® and TORX PLUS® Drive Systems, please visit the company's Website at <http://www.acument.com/licensing/index.asp>

**About Acument Global Technologies, Inc.**

Headquartered in Troy, Mich., USA, Acument Global Technologies, Inc., is among the world's leading providers of mechanical fastening systems and value-based fastening solutions. For more information about Acument Global Technologies: [www.acument.com](http://www.acument.com).

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