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RECEIVES AWARD-Harold A. (Red) Poling (right), executive vice president - North American Automotive Operations (NAAO), Ford Motor Company, presents Ford's Q1 Preferred Quality Award to Derek Dawson, general manager of Eaton Corporation's Transmission Division, at a recent awards luncheon at NAAO Headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. The award goes to firms that "independently and consistently" meet Ford quality standards, and recipients qualifying

for participation in the program get preferential treatment when Ford selects sources for new components or when it selects participants for new-component development programs. Four Eaton plants, including the one in Kings Mountain, were honored for the quality of the transmissions produced for Ford-built vehicles. The plant was among the first of 26 manufacturing locations to be so honored by Ford.

Eaton Wins Ford Award

Eaton Corporation's transmission manufacturing plant at Kings Mountain has been formally recognized by Ford Motor Company as a supplier of high quality components for Ford vehicles.

Eaton's Kings Mountain plant manufactures transmissions for Ford's heavy-duty trucks.

Formal recognition as a top quality supplier came at a luncheon recently at Ford's North American Automotive Operations (NAAO) headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan when the firm was presented Ford's Q1 Preferred Quality Award for "independently and consistently" meeting Ford's quality standards. It was among the first of 26 manufacturing locations to be so honored by Ford.

"Firms qualifying for participation in this program," said Harold A. (Red) Poling, NAAO executive vice president, "will get preferential treatment when we select sources for new components, and they will be given preference when we select participants for new-component development programs."

Poling presented the awards. The names of recipients will be displayed in the lobby of the NAAO headquarters building in Dearborn, Michigan.

To be considered for the award, suppliers must have an excellent Ford quality rating and an effective quality assurance system that includes process control capability and the use of statistical control techniques.

Recipients also are able to conduct manufacturing feasibility studies for new parts, and the Ford Supplier Quality Assurance activity and the Product Engineering and Purchasing Offices concur in all selections.

Statistical control of quality is a concept in which plant production is sampled at regular intervals to assure that the process is, consistent and that the productsare within statistically established control ranges.

"The adaptation of statistical methods of collecting and using data to identify the causes of variability in production processes makes it possible for us to reduce greatly or eliminate the variability," Poling said.

"By doing so we eliminate waste in the form of scrap materials, we cut down significantly on repairs, and costs are greatly reduced. More importantly, this process enables us to make dramatic quality improvements and to make the most possible use of our most valuable asset - our people.

"We are encouraging all Ford suppliers to use Statistical Control techniques to improve productivity and quality," he added. "But, we hare concentrating presently on major suppliers and those suppliers who provide key components - to the extent that we are setting up Statistical Process Control Seminars for these firms and sharing in the costs of the seminars."



LARRY FRADY Larry Frady Joins Carmet

Larry Frady has been named production supervisor, second shift machining, by Carmet Company's Minetool division, a member of Allegheny International, Inc.

Frady had been a screw machine operator, and before that group leader and skilled machine operator.

He joined Minetool in 1978 after 10 years with Warner & Swasey Co. in Bessemer City.

He will be responsible for planning, directing, supervising and control of operations and functions in assigned areas of manufacturing and service.

Frady lives in Kings Mountain and is married to the former Marlene Keever and the father of one son. Carmet Minetool is a major

supplier of mining and construction tools.

Rodney Smith Is Promoted

Rodney A. Smith, Kings Mountain native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith Sr. of Kings Mountain, has been named plant manager of Collins and Aikman Corporation of Norwood. He was promoted March 1 from his psoition as assistant plant manager.

Smith is a graduate of N.C. State University. He joined Collins and Aikman's yarn division, serving as product development manager before being named assistant plant manager.

Collins and Aikman's yarn division is a leading producer of span and texturized yarns and thread.

Richard Deptola Named Carmet Product Engineer



RICHARD DEPTOLA

Richard Deptola has been named product engineer for Carmet Company's Minetool Division, a member of Allerheny International, Inc.

Deptola had been affiliated with Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company as a production engineer. He joined Rochester and Pittsburgh in 1975 as a surveyor.

He is a member of the Society of Mining Engineers, and graduated from Pennsylvania State University as a mining engineer.

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WILLIAM WOODS Woods Manager

William Woods has been named materials manager for Carmet Company's Minetool Division, a member of Allegheny International, Inc.

He has been affiliated with Jones & Lamson Company as a materials manager before joining Minetool.

Woods is a member of the American Production Inventory Control Society and a graduate of Hampden Sydney College, and holds a masters degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Woods is married to the former Pat Carter of Rockhill, SC and is the father of three children.

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