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Life Saving Connections

Minnesota Wire CEO Receives Regional Entrepreneurial Award

St. Paul, Minnesota: 06/16/11 – Paul J. Wagner, Chairman and CEO of Minnesota Wire, was recognized this week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as an *Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year*® 2011 awardee for the Upper Midwest Region (Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas) in the “Technology” category. The selection was made by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and community leaders, and recognizes individual leadership in achieving business excellence and community improvement.

Paul Wagner’s nomination stood out among hundreds of other entrepreneurs, principally for his vision and commitment to transform the company while retaining its culture of community involvement and producing products that help save lives in the medical, defense and other industries. The focus of the company’s transformation has been to lead the industry in the transformation of electrical conductors and shields by embracing high technology research development (R&D). Minnesota’s Wire’s R&D effort is already producing next generation wire and cable technology products and processes, including: *iStretch*® wire that is fully elastomeric (stretchy); and *iStealth*™ wire, using pure carbon nanotube (CNT) technology to produce non-metallic conductors and shields. The company has successfully leveraged over \$7 million in federal government grants and prime contractor partnerships to fund its R&D efforts, build its St. Paul Development Center, expand its intellectual property portfolio, and begin to commercial innovative electrical interconnect solutions.

As a regional award winner, Paul Wagner is now eligible for consideration for the 2011 National Award which will be announced at an annual awards gala in California in November. The *Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year*® award is in its 25th year, and recognizes business leaders in over 140 cities in 50 countries throughout the world. Awards are given to entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. For more about the awards, and to see other finalists and awardees, go to www.ey.com.



Minnesota Wire is a vertically integrated, custom manufacturer for wire, cable and interconnect assemblies to the Medical, Defense and Industrial markets. The company is a market and R&D leader in: electrical signal integrity; low noise cable; radio-translucent wire; and innovative connections for wearable electronics, patient monitoring systems and leading-edge medical devices.

The 30,000 square foot headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota boasts a full R&D and test and measurement center, an Electromagnetic Capabilities (EMC) chamber for electronic pre-compliance testing and a “wet lab” for its nanotechnology applications. Another high-volume, 58,000 square foot focused-cell, lean production facility is located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Minnesota Wire is ISO 9001: 2008 certified, ISO 13485: 2003 compliant, ROHS compliant, and is a MIL-STD and IPC-620 certified harness manufacturer.