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## Double success for Ricardo at the 2019 Made in the South East awards

**Ricardo was named Manufacturer of the Year – while the company’s Andrew Kershaw was also named Apprentice of the Year – at the 2019 Made in the South East awards hosted by Insider Media at the Sofitel London Gatwick, on the evening of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

The Made in the South East awards recognize and reward manufacturing companies based in the region that have demonstrated success in innovation, product development and revenue growth in either domestic or overseas markets. The Awards showcase many of the high-quality manufacturing businesses in the region that have built reputations for first -class products and services.

Ricardo’s manufacturing division – Ricardo Performance Products – was recognized with the prestigious title of Manufacturer of the Year at the ceremony. The award reflected some significant developments in capability and capacity during the past year. These include the completion of a multi-year development programme to support prototype batch assembly using the main production line facility without any disruption of series supply. Development of the end of line “Break In, Pass Off” facility was also completed during the year, doubling the previous capacity to deliver “road ready” engines to the customer’s line-side, along with a continued expansion of the global supply chain of spares and sub-assemblies scheduled from the same Ricardo facility.

In parallel with the significant recognition for the company, Ricardo's Andrew Kershaw was also named as Apprentice of the Year at the awards ceremony, recognizing his contribution to the manufacturing business throughout the year.



“I am pleased to accept the award of Manufacturer of the Year on behalf of Ricardo,” commented Ricardo Performance Products director, Jason March. “As a company we have made considerable investments in the improvement of manufacturing capacity, introducing new levels of flexibility allowing us to assemble prototype units on the same line that we use for series production, and developing a global supply chain for spares. I am pleased too that Andrew Kershaw has also been recognized as Apprentice of the Year, providing well-deserved recognition for his contribution to the success of Ricardo and its customers around the world.”

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