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### **Metaldyne Valencia Awarded World Excellence Award from Ford Motor Company**

**Plymouth, Mich. – June 30, 2011** – Metaldyne, LLC today announced that its powder metal forging plant in Valencia, Spain received a World Excellence Award from Ford Motor Company in recognition of achievement for Durability and Reliability. The Valencia plant is part of Metaldyne's Sintered Products business unit.

The Ford World Excellence Awards are given to the automaker's best supplier plants during Ford's annual top supplier meeting. Metaldyne's Valencia plant was one of only two suppliers recognized in the category of Durability and Reliability.

The award is the result of years of exceptional performance at the plant. Metaldyne Valencia began supplying powder forged connecting rods to Ford in 1999, and since 2002 the Valencia team has provided flawless, 100% on-time delivery. The plant has maintained a Q1 status with the maximum score and zero PPMs since 2003, as well as an exceptional safety record of over three years without a lost time accident.

"This business is extremely competitive, so we are constantly looking for ways to make our process more robust and reliable, improve efficiencies and create systems that add value," said Paco Ribera, director of operations, Sintered International Forging. "Our people and technology are most important to us. With the right people, a continuous improvement mindset, and the benefits of technology, we have always been confident that the market will recognize our work. This recognition is for everyone in the plant who has worked to define its core values: safety, quality, productivity and engagement."

The plant regularly makes improvements to the line through its continuous improvement committee. The committee meets monthly to optimize machine setup and product quality within the facility.

“Congratulations to the team at Metaldyne Valencia,” said Thomas Amato, president and CEO of Metaldyne, LLC. “Recognition from Ford takes exceptional commitment and dedication, and our Valencia plant has worked hard to achieve this level of excellence. This award is a testament to Metaldyne’s focus on quality and customer satisfaction.”

### **About Metaldyne**

Metaldyne, LLC, is a leading global designer and supplier of metal-formed components and assemblies for engine, transmission and driveline applications for automotive and light truck markets. Products include engine connecting rods, engine bearing caps, cylinder oil jets, transmission sub assemblies, crankshaft rubber and viscous dampers, forged and finished differential gears and assemblies, and balance shaft modules.

Metaldyne has approximately \$930 million in annual revenue with 24 locations in 13 countries. Metaldyne is principally owned by The Carlyle Group, one of the largest private equity funds in the world. For more information go to [www.metaldyne.com](http://www.metaldyne.com).

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