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HIDE-Pack is the 2008 Innovator of the Year

Hide-Pack (a division of Kruger) was awarded the 2008 AICC/Board Converting News Innovator of the Year Award at AICC's Annual Meeting held recently in Atlanta, GA – September 24-26, 2008.

Capturing the attention and vote of the majority of meeting attendees, the Inline R.F.I.D. Embedding System for Flexo Folder-Gluers won the competition. The entry consists of a system designed to embed an RFID tag within the structure of a corrugated container during its production on a flexo-folder gluer. The two innovative aspects of the invention reside in the fact that the RFID inlay imbedding process is carried out online, during the production of the containers, and at no detriment to the overall press efficiency, and the fact that the RFID inlay uses the container's structure not only as a supporting medium, but also as a protective one.

This year's competition was open to Associate Supplier members in the machinery arena that includes equipment, products or services that are directly related to the mechanical converting process. The "mechanical converting process" includes all operations that involve direct contact with the linerboard, corrugating medium or combined corrugated board (i.e., printing, cutting, creasing, scoring, stitching, gluing and material handling).

Taking second place was ClearVision Technologies Inc., for their Digital Quality Control System for Folder-Gluers and third place was awarded to **TechnoFlex Inc.** for their Self Contained, Vacuum-Based Baking Soda Cleaning System.

Developed eighteen years ago as a forum for box makers and suppliers to put forward their best innovations, the Innovator of the Year has since evolved into a highly competitive arena that highlights the technological innovations of AICC members in production, material handling, manufacturing, training and administration. Each year, the AICC Plant Innovations Committee holds a call for entries and after reviewing the submissions received from AICC members, determines the finalist entries that are then voted on by AICC Annual Meeting attendees. Cosponsored by Board Converting News, the competition alternates its focus between box makers, suppliers, and non-machinery aspects of the converting industry.

For more information on the Inline R.F.I.D. Embedding System for Flexo Folder-Gluers, please contact Paul de Blois at 514.788.4433 or paul.deblois@hide-pack.com.

For more information on the AICC/Board Converting News Innovator of the Year Competition, contact Cindy Guarino at AICC toll-free at (877) 836-2422.
