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Cortec Corporation Receives the Environmental, Health and Safety Award

As the century came to a close, Cortec ended its year on a high note -- with the acceptance of "Plant Engineering's 1999 Product of the Year." Trophies were presented to the winners at a black-tie reception during the National Plant Engineering Show in Chicago on March 13, 2000. Boris Miksic, President/CEO received the award on behalf of Cortec Corporation.



To be a candidate for this competition, a product must be new to the world market; and be useful in the plant engineering function. A panel of experts narrowed down the field, then the engineers voted for that year's best products. Each category honors Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners.



Cortec was honored with the silver award in Environment, Safety, and Health for our technology that lets users apply a rust remover in an aerosol spray instead of more traditional methods, such as brush, dip, or wipe. EcoAir® VpCI®-423 is our organic, water-based, nonflammable, and nontoxic; and non-aerosol spray can that uses compressed air in a plastic composite bladder to propel liquids, offering an alternative to gas-propelled spray cans. The product can be applied in situations where flammable chemicals or explosive materials cannot be used.

In addition to the Silver Award, Cortec received the 1994 Plant Engineering Product of the Year Bronze Award for its EcoSpray® and EcoClean® products.



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Dear Ms. Wilaby:

Subject: EcoAir VCI 423 & EcoAir line - Cortec Corporation

Congratulations! Our readers have voted your product a winner in the 1999 *Plant Engineering* Product of the Year Awards competition. Your product earned the Silver Award in the Environment, Safety, and Health category.

The *Plant Engineering* Product of the Year Awards were established to honor the most innovative and useful products introduced to the industrial plant engineering market each year. Initial entries are screened by a panel of plant engineers for publication in *Plant Engineering* magazine, and readers are invited to vote on their choices for the best products. Winning this award is a significant accomplishment of which you can be justly proud.

Presentation of the awards will be made at a special reception during the National Plant Engineering MRO and Management Show in Chicago. The ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Monday, March 13, 2000 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. You and other key people in your company will be receiving special invitations to this event. We hope you can attend.

Your product will also be featured in a special awards section in the April issue of *Plant Engineering* magazine and in our booth at the show.

Congratulations, again, from the staff of *Plant Engineering*. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago on March 13.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Dunn
Editor

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