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SYNCRONO, THE REVOLUTIONARY LASER CUTTING MACHINE BY PRIMA INDUSTRIE, WON THE 2006 METALWORKING PRODUCTION PRIZE FOR THE BEST METAL FORMING/FABRICATION MACHINE TOOL

Birmingham, May 17, 2006 - PRIMA INDUSTRIE was honoured with the 2006 Metalworking Production Awards. Sincrono was in fact judged to be the best metal forming/fabrication machine tool of the year and was awarded the prize during a ceremony which took place on Tuesday 16th May at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole.

Sincrono is a radically innovative laser cutting machine introduced by PRIMA INDUSTRIE for very fast and accurate cutting of sheet metal even on very complex trajectories. With an acceleration two times higher than benchmark machines, and incorporating innovative technical solutions to eliminate vibrations while maximising performance, the new machine reaches an effective acceleration of 6g. In practice this means more than 1000 holes per minute, twice as many as the fastest machines already on the market.

Very high dynamics of the machine allow the use of high cutting speeds on very complex trajectories, remarkably reducing the overall time for processing parts. Also, the ratio of laser-on/laser-off time is significantly increased as the time required to move between cutting paths is considerably reduced. The result is a consistent reduction of the cycle time and consequently of production costs. What's more, the very high dynamics applied to a very small and lightweight part of the machine helps to reduce energy consumption.

The award was delivered yesterday by Close Asset Finance Limited to Ezio Basso, PRIMA INDUSTRIE General Manager and Giuseppe Attuoni, Director of Prima Industrie UK Ltd.

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