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Japanese Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM) and Solving Efeso enter into agreement to keep quality and image of the Total Productive Maintenance (JIPM-TPM™) awards system at the highest possible level.

Since 1994 Solving Efeso has helped many clients from a multitude of sectors (Automotive, Packaging, Manufacturing, Luxury etc.) to implement performance improvement programs based on the TPM™ approach. Subsequently 75 companies from over 21 countries have gone on to win the JIPM-TPM™ awards, including in the 2011 edition Tetrapak, Outokumpu and Gambro.

TPM principles and techniques have a central role in the achievement of Operational Excellence. Solving Efeso manufacturing practices, that have been developed and refined over the past 30 years integrating TPM and all state of the art principles and approaches, are collected in the proprietary toolkit that Solving Efeso provides to its Clients. This toolkit includes TPM principles and techniques, and is part of the solution offered to clients that want to be world class in their chosen field of expertise.

The Japanese Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM) and Solving Efeso have now signed an agreement to formalize this long-standing relationship.

As part of the agreement Solving Efeso will endeavor to further spread the application and implementation of the TPM approach amongst its global client base. JIPM will issue a certification of Solving Efeso as a provider of excellent services in TPM consulting.

“For our clients there is great value in the TPM™ approach that always leads to excellence in performance, proven by the continued results the TPM™ approach generates both operationally and financially” explains Filippo Mantegazza, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Solving Efeso.

“We are therefore firmly committed to extending the approach to our clients and partners globally. Going forward we will actively stimulate our clients to seek external recognition of their achievements via the JIPM-TPM™ awards. Our partnership with JIPM provides our clients first-hand experience when preparing for the audits that are part of the process to apply for ‘TPM-awards’” continues Mr. ‘Mantegazza.

Mr. Satoshi Suzuoki, Senior Executive Director of the Japanese Institute of Plant Maintenance states that “this agreement confirms the long standing relationship of cooperation and trust that exists between our two companies. We are convinced that Solving Efeso, with the 1000’s of assignments it has already carried out globally, will be able to bring more clients to new levels of excellence. The TPM-awards will be used to acknowledge this excellence where appropriate.”

In January of 2012 the next batch of winners of the JIPM-TPM™ award will be announced. They will be formally recognized during the TPM-Awards ceremony in Tokyo.

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About Solving Efeso:

Solving Efeso brings strategic, operations and change management capabilities in one integrated team.

Since 1980 Solving Efeso offers proven methods and proprietary techniques to create truly world class performance in design and execution of strategy and operations for our clients.

With over 350 experienced consultants representing more than 30 different nationalities the group operates from offices around the world with a strong presence in Europe, the US, South America and Asia. In 2010 Solving Efeso generated over EUR 50 million in revenues.

The international scope coupled with local delivery capability ensures that clients have access to the specialist skills they require whether at national, regional or global levels.

Solving Efeso is listed on the Paris NYSE Alternext exchange (ALOLV)

About JIPM:

JIPM was established in 1969 with the aim to contribute to the creation of beautiful environment and a healthy society, guiding enterprises along the path to better manufacturing, with a constant focus on the creation of true value. Some 1.200 companies are member of this non-profit organization.

TPM approach was started as a service to factory/plant management, plant engineers, maintenance managers to ensure that there are constant standards to govern the work they perform, with an independent body to determine what excellence looks like. Core part of the activities of JIPM includes the develop & promotion of the Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) approach, which it has launched in 1971.

JIPM is the originator and key proponent of TPM since 1971.

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