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TBM NAMES CONMED FIFTH ANNUAL “PERFECT ENGINE” SITE

-- Medical Technology Plant Recognized for Quality and Agility --

Durham, N.C. – October 1, 2008 – TBM Consulting Group, a leading global consultancy for the manufacturing and services sectors, presented CONMED, a New York-based medical technology company with the fifth annual “Perfect Engine Site” award, recognizing their French Road location’s commitment to “lean” excellence in manufacturing.

“The Perfect Engine” refers to the precision interworking of human resources and physical assets to achieve outstanding productivity results that create business agility, growth and profitability. It is also the title of a book authored by TBM Consulting Group’s CEO Anand Sharma, who has consulted with hundreds of companies worldwide in implementing the principles and toolkit of the Toyota Business System.

“The Perfect Engine Site” award recognizes individual plants or offices that have successfully implemented LeanSigma and have demonstrated innovation and outstanding teamwork. LeanSigma is the fusion of the two most powerful business systems from Toyota (Lean) and GE (Six Sigma).

Sharma presented the award to David Johnson, Vice President of Global Operations and Supply Chain at CONMED at the annual Lean Excellence Conference in Des Moines, IA. CONMED began its LeanSigma journey in 2006 and continues to utilize this business improvement technique to innovate, develop and bring new products to market.

“We are honored to receive the Perfect Engine Site award,” said Johnson. “Our lean journey has generated significant results for CONMED, many of which include facilitating agility delivering superior quality and service levels to our customers.”

“We presented the award to CONMED’s French Road facility because of their adaptability to the lean discipline and rapid business improvement,” said Sharma. “CONMED was able to quickly implement and leverage the lean culture that has helped them achieve continuous business growth.”

About CONMED

CONMED is a medical technology company with an emphasis on surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures and patient monitoring. The Company's products serve the clinical areas of sports medicine-arthroscopy, powered surgical instruments, electrosurgery, cardiac monitoring disposables, endosurgery and endoscopic technologies. Surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery, and gastroenterology use the Company's medical devices. Headquartered in Utica, New York, the Company's 3,200 employees distribute its products worldwide from several manufacturing locations. For more information, visit www.conmed.com

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