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COLUMBIANA HI TECH WINS SAFETY AWARD

KERNERSVILLE, N.C., **April 1,,2016 –** A Kernersville headquartered employer, Columbiana Hi Tech, is a recipient of this year's Safety Award of Merit, presented by The Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA). The award recognizes metal fabrication companies that have an ongoing commitment to excellence in safety. Columbiana Hi Tech, LLC, (CHT) is a manufacturer for the nuclear industry, fabricating products and equipment in its 100,000 square foot welding facility and central machine shop.

 "We are extremely proud to have received this award, as it recognizes how seriously we take our responsibility to create a culture of safety, our most important job as an employer," said Joe Faldowski, President of CHT.

According to Edward Youdell, President and CEO of the presenting organization, FMA, this year's winners could be described as 'world class". "The winners have set an incredibly high bar for all manufacturers to benchmark themselves against," said Youdell. The 2016 Safety Award of Merit is presented to companies able to attain an injury and illness rate for the prior calendar year that is 10 per cent better than the published Bureau of Labor Statistics rate

"We are fortunate in that our growth has positioned us so that we are always looking to add employees to our team and this award is the perfect representation of our pledge to providing a first rate, safety environment for our workforce," Faldowski added.

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Columbiana Hi Tech (CHT) is a subsidiary of AREVA TN and is a leading manufacturer of a wide range of custom fabricated products and equipment for the nuclear industry where precision welding and machining is required. Specializing in nuclear material packaging, CHT is the largest manufacturer of front-end radioactive packaging and a proven fabricator of products for safe transport and storage of used nuclear fuel.

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