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### **BOSTON GEAR POSIVENT® SYSTEM NAMED *PLANT ENGINEERING* PRODUCT OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER**

**QUINCY, Mass., March 29, 2005** – Boston Gear announced that the PosiVent system received the Product of the Year award in the power transmission category from *Plant Engineering* magazine, presented in March 2005.

The PosiVent system equalizes pressure and keeps water, washdown solutions, and other airborne contaminants out of gearboxes, making it ideal for food processing and material handling applications. The PosiVent system's patented design increases performance by preventing contaminants such as bakery dust from entering and breaking down lubricants and causing premature failure.

The system is now available as an option on all Boston Gear 700 Series worm gear speed reducers, including the stainless steel product line, as well as 700 Series products with washdown protection such as the new and improved Bost-Kleen™ and Stainless Bost-Kleen™ epoxy coatings.

Ralph Whitley, Director of Engineering for Boston Gear, said, "The mission of the Boston Gear design engineering team is to solve problems and give our customers some value-added product features. Our design team is very

innovative, and now, after receiving this award, there is additional motivation to continue to be the best.”

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### **Distinctive, One-Seam Design**

Additional design advantages of the PosiVent system include flexibility and ease of use. Whereas competitive models must be installed early in the assembly process, the PosiVent system is installed as a last step, easily fitting into any of the standard pipe plugs. This allows for quick delivery. Every 700 Series speed reducer with PosiVent is “lubed for life” with synthetic lubrication, and is covered by Boston Gear’s standard lifetime warranty.

For more information about the PosiVent system visit [www.posivent.com](http://www.posivent.com), call (888) 999-9860, or write to Boston Gear, 14 Hayward Street, Quincy, MA 02171.

### **About Boston Gear and Altra Industrial Motion**

Boston Gear is a division of Altra Industrial Motion, a leading multinational designer, producer, and marketer of mechanical power transmission and motion control products. Altra Industrial Motion includes some of the most renowned brand names in industry: Warner Electric, Boston Gear, Formsprag Clutch, Stieber Clutch, Ameridrives Couplings, Wichita Clutch, Nuttall Gear, Marland Clutch, and Delroyd Worm Gear. For more information on Altra Industrial Motion, visit [www.altramotion.com](http://www.altramotion.com).

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(Caption: from left to right)

Ed Novotny, VP Operations, and Ralph Whitley, Director of Engineering for Boston Gear; proudly accept the *Plant Engineering* Gold Product of the Year Award for the 700 Series worm gear speed reducer with PosiVent® from Jim Langhenry, Publisher, *Plant Engineering* magazine.