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### **KAYDON Bearings plants earn AS9100B certification**

MUSKEGON, MICH...MAY 18, 2010... Kaydon Corporation Bearings Division announced that the quality systems at two of its principal manufacturing facilities have been certified to AS9100B, the international standard for the aerospace industry. Quality systems were certified for the first time at the company's Sumter precision plant in South Carolina and recertified at the Muskegon, Michigan plant. These certifications considerably further Kaydon's strategic objectives to broaden its capabilities and enhance its competitiveness.

AS9100B is based on ISO 9001:2000, but has more than 75 additional requirements specific to aircraft/aerospace and is required by the industry's major manufacturers.

"The new AS9100B certifications open up many opportunities for Kaydon Bearings," said Scott Hansen, vice president of manufacturing. "With certified quality processes at two plants, strategically located in South Carolina and Michigan, we are even better positioned to serve aerospace customers throughout North America and around the world."

To be registered for the AS9100B standard, the Kaydon facilities had to demonstrate the ability to consistently manufacture parts meeting customer and regulatory requirements, document a process approach to quality supported by effective procedures, and show its commitment to continual improvement. These were verified by in-depth audits conducted by SAI Global.

Kaydon Corporation Bearings Division is a leading global manufacturer of standard and custom thin-section bearings and high-level bearing assemblies for a wide range of manufacturing and process industries. The division, which invented the thin-section bearing in 1943, is also a major supplier of slewing ring bearings and remanufactured bearings.

Kaydon Corporation is a leading designer and manufacturer of custom-engineered, performance-critical products, supplying a broad and diverse group of alternative-energy, industrial, aerospace, medical and electronic equipment, and aftermarket customers.

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