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GED Integrated Solutions Wins National 2016 Crystal Achievement Award for Most Innovative Machine

Twinsburg, OH – (August, 2016) GED Integrated Solutions (GED), the progressive solutions provider to the global window and door fabrication industry, has been named the winner in the national 2016 Crystal Achievement Awards “Most Innovative Machinery” category. GED’s new Intercept® 2.5 Warm Edge Spacer Technology System is the machine that garnered the company this distinction.

Sponsored by *Window & Door* magazine, the coveted annual awards recognize significant innovations in window and door technology, manufacturing and marketing. “Window and door manufacturers are constantly pushing the boundaries in terms of function and style; suppliers are likewise evolving to provide them the tools they need to do so effectively,” says Emily Thompson, editor, *Window & Door* magazine. “The Crystal Achievement Awards recognize such companies whose commitment to innovation stands to elevate the entire industry.” This recognition marks GED’s eleventh Crystal Achievement Award.

The new Intercept 2.5 is GED’s next generation of the proven Intercept technology compliment to the i-3 Intercept System and replaces its Intercept GEN I and GEN II Systems. It combines the workhorse attitude of the former Intercept GEN II with the technological advances of the i-3 Intercept and affords industry professionals an ease of transition, operation and maintenance along with improved productivity.

Manufacturers will recognize the familiar footprint while welcoming the very latest state-of-the-art technologies and enhancements that seamlessly enables the machine to now switch between Intercept ULTRA Stainless, *ThinPlate*® and *Blackline*® materials.

A new state-of-the-art Control System affords operator and maintenance familiarity and includes Windows 7, WinIG 4/5 compatibility; significant hardware/cable reduction and improved/remote diagnostics. Additionally, the 2.5 offers improved coil feed and handling; position width clamping with anti-drift monitoring for consistent quality production and quick-release tooling for reduced maintenance time. The newly designed Servo Corner Crimper ensures consistent spacer folding with substantially reduced maintenance requirements. With the new high-speed Corner Crimper, this system performs 15% faster than previous generations.

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Since its inception, Intercept's technology works with a variety of materials. The 2.5 continues that capability and is compatible with various sealants, metals and desiccant options, whether producing a single or dual seal.

As part of GED's complete line of glass and vinyl window fabrication equipment software, the Intercept 2.5 is backed by the company's leading training and support services. For more information, contact GED at 330.963.5401 or visit www.gedusa.com.

About GED Integrated Solutions

GED Integrated Solutions is a worldwide supplier of fully integrated glass and vinyl door fabrication systems and the pioneer of the revolutionary Intercept i-3 Warm Edge spacer frame production system. The company's i-3 platform works with its LeanNET® communications software to integrate every facet of a plant's operation, increasing IG quality and production volumes and profits while decreasing operating costs and material wastage. GED's commitment to innovation that addresses its customers' needs is evidenced by the fact that 18 of the top 20 window and door manufacturers utilize GED's equipment and software solutions.

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