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## Ophir-Spiricon Receives Frost & Sullivan 2014 Manufacturing Leadership Award

June 24, 2014 — North Logan, UT — Ophir Photonics, global leader in precision laser measurement equipment and a Newport Corporation brand, is pleased to announce that Ophir-Spiricon LLC was recently announced a winner of the **2014 Manufacturing Leadership Awards**. Ophir-Spiricon was honored by Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Council as one of 100 world-class manufacturing companies to receive this year's award. Ophir-Spiricon won in the category of **Workplace Leadership** along with IBM Corp., Merck & Co. Inc, Peterbilt Motors Co., and Ultra Machining Company. The companies celebrated on June 5th at the 10th anniversary gala in



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Ophir-Spiricon's **Manufacturing Leadership Award** is in recognition of their achievements in creating a culture of excellence through continuous improvement, innovation, and employee empowerment. The program is based on the Shingo model of enterprise excellence. Program components include an idea creation system based on a combination of the Eureka Ranch Innovation Model and the company's own productivity improvement process. In addition, employees are offered over 100 different online development courses through Bridgerland Applied Technology College. Employees are actively involved in community development projects involving the Child and Family Support Center, the Utah Food Bank, and fund raising races. To foster teamwork and innovation, in 2013 the employees worked together to complete a Rube Goldberg machine and were awarded a paid day off; the company saw some very creative thinking during the building of the machine.

**RUBE GOLDBERG VIDEO:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxEnvgoTG3Q>

“During the long and deep recession we have experienced since 2008, Ophir-Spiricon has been able to increase market share through excellent customer service, quality products, and fast turn-around times,” said Gary Wagner, General Manager. “By having a great business plan, keeping a steady course, and empowering our employees, we have avoided the challenges of survival that many companies experienced during this time. Ophir-Spiricon has been able to reduce costs and improve employee productivity. The net result is that we have been more efficient than any time in our 35 year history.”

**PHOTO:** Mike Jensen, Director of Operations, and Gary Wagner, General Manager, Ophir-Spiricon LLC.

### **Manufacturing Leadership Awards**

The Manufacturing Leadership Awards (ML Awards) honor companies and individuals that are shaping the future of global manufacturing. Award nominees describe their breakthrough projects using the nomination form. Nominations for breakthrough projects are entered into specific categories and evaluated by a panel of expert judges. <http://mlawards.gilcommunity.com/>.

## **About the Manufacturing Leadership Council**

The Manufacturing Leadership Council, Frost & Sullivan, is the world's first member-driven, global business leadership network dedicated to senior executives in the manufacturing industry. The Manufacturing Leadership Council's mission is to help senior executives define and shape a better future for themselves, their organizations, and the industry at large. The Council produces an extensive portfolio of leadership networking, information and professional development products, programs, and services -- including the Manufacturing Executive Website, an online global business network with 5,300 members around the world; the Manufacturing Leadership Council, an invitation-only executive organization of over 100 members; the annual Manufacturing Leadership Summit Bold Ideas for a Better Future; the Manufacturing Leadership Awards, celebrating industry achievement; and the thought-leading Manufacturing Leadership Journal.

<http://www.MLCouncil.com>.

## **About Frost & Sullivan**

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## **About Ophir Photonics**

With over 30 years of experience, Ophir Photonics, a Newport Corporation brand, provides a complete line of instrumentation including power and energy meters, beam profilers, spectrum analyzers, and goniometric radiometers. Dedicated to continuous innovation in laser measurement, the company holds a number of patents, including the **R&D 100** award-winning **Beam-Track** power/position/size meters and Spiricon's **Ultracal™**, the baseline correction algorithm that helped establish the ISO 11146-3 standard for beam measurement accuracy. The Photon family of products includes **NanoScan** scanning-slit technology, which is capable of measuring beam size and position to sub-micron resolution. The company is **ISO/IEC 17025:2005** accredited.

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