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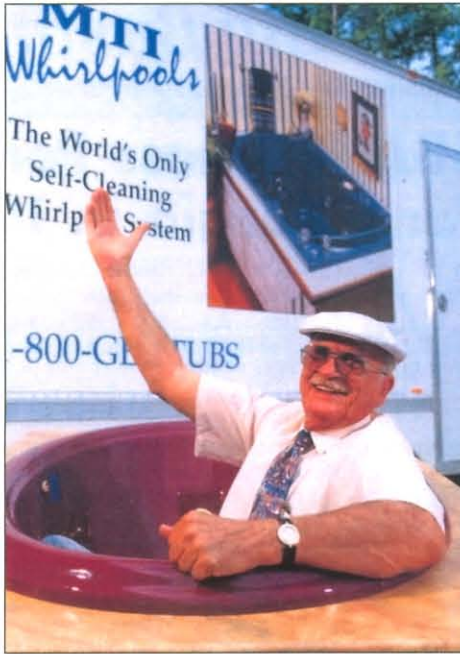
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People

J.C. Henry, Founder of MTI Whirlpools, Passes Away

MTI Whirlpools is saddened to announce that its beloved founder, J.C. Henry, passed away Dec. 14, 2009. Henry, 80, founded the company in 1988 and is widely respected in the industry for his creation of the world's first self-cleaning whirlpool tub.



"We are heartbroken by the loss of our dear friend and colleague," said Kathy Adams, CEO of MTI Whirlpools. "J.C. Henry was a remarkable man who had incredible vision and innovation. It was his passion and creativity that built MTI into the industry leader that it is today. He was loved and respected by the entire MTI family, and we will feel the pain of his passing for many years to come."

Henry is survived by his wife Doris Henry; daughters Carol Preston, Vicki Henry-Higgins and Debbie Goin; son Michael; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

For more information about MTI Whirlpools, visit www.mtiwhirlpools.com.

Russell Adams Appointed President of MTI Whirlpools



MTI Whirlpools recently appointed Russell Adams as president. Adams previously held the position of vice president/Business Development of MTI. Kathy Adams, who has led the company since 1998, transitioned to CEO.

The success and growth of MTI has always been inherent in Russell's actions. When the company founder, J.C. Henry, decided to retire in 2001, Russell was a leader in the successful effort made by the employees to purchase the company. Russell was also instrumental in implementation of strategies that resulted in rapid growth during the real estate boon and continued success during the "Great Housing Recession."

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News

MTI Whirlpools Wins International Strategic Manufacturing Award

MTI Whirlpools recently won the 2009 International Strategic Manufacturing Award for Demand-Driven Manufacturer of the Year. The coveted Strategic Manufacturing Awards are annually bestowed and celebrate excellence in vital disciplines, including green, skills and IT in manufacturing during the past year. The 5th Annual Strategic Manufacturing Awards ceremony took place Oct. 13, in Dusseldorf, Germany.



The awards recognized this year's most pre-eminent enterprises for their success in delivering world-class performance in their chosen category. The judges selected MTI Whirlpools for the expertly implemented demand-driven manufacturing doctrine into the company culture.

For more information about MTI Whirlpools, visit www.mtiwhirlpools.com.

MGS Gives Back with Habitat for Humanity

MGS USA, the North American division of the Italian-based faucet manufacturer specializing in unique stainless steel designs, recently entered into a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County in Florida. For the next six months (and possibly beyond, based on the success of the program), for every MGS faucet sold, a kitchen faucet (builder-grade brand) will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County. Regional showrooms participating in the program will receive name recognition for each faucet they sell that generates a donation and will receive a certificate of collaboration.

For more information about MGS USA, visit www.mgsdesigns.com/

Xylem is 'CARB' Compliant

Ahead of the green curve, all Xylem products are compliant with the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The regulation initiated Jan. 1, 2009, implements new limits for formaldehyde emitted from raw composite wood panels and products sold or used in California. By complying, Xylem becomes a leader in environmental responsibility, and is positioned to sell its entire product line in all 50 states, including those states expected to adopt the California regulation in the near future.

The goals of CARB include attaining and maintaining healthy air quality, protecting the public from exposure to toxic air contaminants and providing innovative approaches for complying with air pollution rules and regulations.

For more information, visit www.xylem.biz.

THG® Presents at the 67th Annual Golden Globe® Awards

THG USA recently made a notable appearance at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony. The elegant Papillon, from the THG Cristal de Lalique Collection, was the lavatory set of choice in the world-class Presenters' Lounge. Designed by internationally renowned interior designer