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HART Foundation Names U.S. HART Plant of the Year

NORTH HILLS, CALIF.—The HART Communication Foundation (HCF) announced at ISA Expo 2004 that the BP Cooper River Plant in Wando, South Carolina has been selected as one of two recipients of its 2004 HART Plant of the Year Award. The award is given annually to recognize success in the innovative use of HART communications in real-time process applications.

A major component of BP Cooper River Plant's winning application includes the use of the Smart HART Loop Interface and Monitor (Model HIM) from Moore Industries. This interface instrument extracts process, status and diagnostic data from smart HART transmitters and valves. The BP plant uses the HIM for the purposes of providing actual valve position feedback, and as position switches to the DCS/PLC. The use of the HIM has eliminated extra field devices and wiring.

"Get control of the items that touch the product, including control valves and transmitters, and you can save some big money," says A.J. Lambert, BP's instrument and electrical reliability specialist. "We know of no other activity that can provide the kind of savings and plant availability that we're achieving using HART diagnostic data. We are saving hundreds of thousands of dollars per year in maintenance and production costs."

The HART Communication Foundation says its HART Plant of the Year is a unique award in the process automation industry. It is the only public award presented to end-user companies to recognize the ingenuity in the application of HART technology. The award features end-user companies and their suppliers, who have demonstrated creativity in using the capabilities of HART technology. "In today's economy, the challenge is finding better ways to use what you have," Says Ron Helson, HCF's executive director. "With this award, we recognize the innovators who are meeting that challenge."

Moore Industries customers have been named two of the first three years that the HART Plant of the Year has been awarded. Utilizing the company's HART interface technology, the DuPont facility in DeLisle, Mississippi was named the HART Plant of the Year in 2002.

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