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Wine Guardian® Parent Company Named to 2010 Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Privately Held Companies

Air Innovations® is 113th fastest growing manufacturer

Syracuse, NY, (August 24, 2010)-- *Inc.* magazine today named Air Innovations, Inc. (AI) to the fourth annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of America's fastest growing, privately held companies. Air Innovations® placed #3466. It is the first year Air Innovations has made this prestigious list. The 2010 Inc. 5000 was based on corporate revenues measured between 2006 and 2009, during which Air Innovations posted a three-year increase of 51%, thus positioning it as the 113th fastest growing manufacturer. Air Innovations, established in 1986, designs and manufactures Wine Guardian® (WG) wine cellar cooling systems in New York State. New York was headquarters to the third most Inc. 5000 companies of any state, with 353 firms, including AI, represented.

AI also produces specialty air conditioning, refrigeration and environmental control solutions for original equipment manufacturers around the world. The company's systems are custom designs that feature close tolerance control of temperature (to 0.01°C), humidity control (to 0.5% stability), filtration, and pressurization, and can be configured into a variety of spaces. AI's capabilities range from concept development to prototyping, from small runs to mass production. Products are design/built for customers in such industries as: aerospace, military; homeland security; pharmaceutical; medical devices; R&D; and, electronics. In addition, the company develops branded products that include floral coolers used by supermarket. Air Innovations holds numerous patents.

"The Inc. 5000 gives Air Innovations national recognition, confirms our business model, validates the dedication of our employees, and helps in recruiting new personnel for stage two growth," said President and CEO Michael Wetzel, P.E. "What sets Air Innovations apart from other businesses of its type is that few companies, large or small, can handle the many different and increasingly more challenging environmental process control projects that we take on. We don't provide 'commercial-off-the-shelf' products; instead, we take a value-added approach to client engagements, developing and producing engineering content that meets our partners' individualized and demanding specifications," Wetzel explained.

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Air Innovations will be honored for the *Inc.* achievement at an awards ceremony held in Washington, DC on October 2.

Complete Inc. 5000 results are posted at www.inc.com/5000. For more information about Air Innovations visit www.airinnovations.com, write info@airinnovations.com, call toll-free 800-825-3268 or call direct 315-452-7400.

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More about Air Innovations

Air Innovations designs and builds sophisticated environmental control systems (ECUs) that must maintain extremely close temperature, humidity, filtration and pressurization tolerances under a variety of challenging conditions, from space launches to molecular diagnostics. The company's technology can be configured to a variety of "packaged" systems—from small dimensions the size of a microwave to systems the size of a two-car garage. AI's ECUs are required to tolerate stringent reliability and compatibility standards as well.

The company's biggest division, Original Equipment Manufacturing, creates environmental control solutions for customers representing the defense, aerospace, medical device and semiconductor industries, among others. For instance, Air Innovations' equipment: cools explosion detection equipment in baggage handling areas at airports around the world; conditions cleanrooms used during the building of rockets; and, keeps electronics free from dust so they can accurately direct unmanned guided vehicles on wartime reconnaissance missions. Cleanroom customers include research laboratories, electronics and pharmaceutical companies. The company's floral coolers can be found in the largest supermarket chains and big box discount stores in the US, Canada, Europe, Central and South America. AI's wine cooling systems have been purchased by Academy Award-winning movie producers, National Hockey League players, Zagat-rated restaurants, and other wine aficionados who want to preserve and protect their collection of fine wines.

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