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# News Release

## **KNOWLES ELECTRONICS NAMED ONE OF THE THREE BEST SUPPLIERS BY SIEMENS AG**

Munich, Germany 15 October 2009 – Knowles Electronics was named one of the best suppliers worldwide for fiscal year 2009 by Siemens AG. The award was presented at Siemens' newly established Supplier Forum, where Siemens brought together its 30 most important suppliers in order to develop joint strategies for more effective cooperation.

"In presenting these awards, we want to honor the partners who have helped us reach the market better and faster," said Barbara Kux, Member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG, at the awards ceremony.

The winners were chosen from a pool of over 100,000 suppliers that Siemens AG has globally. Knowles was one of three companies to win this award, each recognized in a different category. Knowles was the winner in the category of Global Value Sourcing. Siemens recognized Knowles for its value added work and its outstanding on-time delivery.

Siemens determined the award winners through a process that involved supplier rating, strategic and risk evaluation as well as criteria dealing directly with Global Value Sourcing.

Gordon Walker, Vice-President and General Manager of the Knowles Hearing Group accepted the award. "Knowles is very honored to receive the Global Value Sourcing award from Siemens" Walker said. "This award reflects the long standing business relationship between Knowles and Siemens, and exemplifies the trust and collaboration we have shared for many years. This award also affirms Knowles' commitment to working closely with our customers to support and grow their respective markets. We are very proud of the mutual success we have enjoyed with Siemens."

### **About Knowles**

Knowles is the world's leading manufacturer of miniature audio transducers, microphones, receivers, wax protection systems, acoustic dampers, and accessories for the hearing health industry. For more than fifty years, Knowles has researched, designed, developed and delivered technologically advanced acoustic products that improve people's lives. For more information visit the Knowles website at [www.knowles.com](http://www.knowles.com) or call 630-250-5189.

### **About Siemens AG**

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