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Thursday, April 17, 2008: The Bernd Group of Dunedin, Florida proudly announces the honor of receiving ACE Gold Cell Certification from United Technologies Corporation for all three of its key business units.

ACE® means Achieving Competitive Excellence, United Technologies' proprietary quality operating system for increasing efficiency and reducing costs. This award honors The Bernd Group, a purchasing partner for United Technologies Corporation, for continuously improving processes.

Achievement of Gold signifies a total commitment with all team members actively involved and consistently providing excellent customer service in all areas of the business. For Pilar Bernd, President of The Bernd Group, "Gold" means satisfied customers and happy employees who are willing to go the extra mile for the customers.

ACE Gold cell assessment provides evidence that the business is dynamic, with knowledgeable, well trained employees continuously looking for every opportunity to streamline and perfect processes.

Gold cell certification is an important step in The Bernd Group's journey of excellence.

Gold Site Certification is scheduled to be assessed by United Technologies Corp. prior to the end of 2008.

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