



Mikron Business Recognized with Environmental Awards

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HOUSTON, April 12, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Quanex (NYSE:NX) announced today that its Mikron vinyl window profile business won two awards from King County in the state of Washington. The annual EnvirOvation award is from the Department of Natural Resources and the biennial Green Globe award is from the Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

"Our employees are very focused on environmental issues and recycling, and I am delighted to see them receive the recognition they deserve," said David Wemmer, Mikron's President, "Mikron is proud of its environmental record and these awards just confirm the excellent job we are doing."

The environmental awards are considered the "best of the best" and were given to Mikron for its employee training, process controls, and technology earmarked to encourage recycling and conservation while discouraging all forms of environmental wastes. According to the King County website, all recipients excel in leadership and activities that foster environmental stewardship by protecting the environment, managing natural resources and benefiting the community.

King County, located on Puget Sound, is home to Mikron West located in Kent, Washington. Mikron, which also operates facilities in Illinois and Kentucky, manufactures a wide variety of vinyl window profiles and blinds used by major window and door producers.

Quanex is an industry-leading manufacturer of engineered materials and components for the vehicular products and building products markets. For further information, visit the Company's website at www.quanex.com.

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