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Partnership between RICO Manufacturing and ATI-Ladish Shows Steel and Forging Industry Going Strong

July, 2012 - Medina, OH, The harsh conditions and difficult working environment is a hallmark of the steel and forging industry. To maintain high safety standards and equipment in good working order are top priorities to achieve their goals. In 2011, RICO Manufacturing was called upon by ATI-Ladish, a leader in highly engineered forgings catering primarily to the aerospace industry, to design and create a unique M-250 Manipulator that would stand up in the conditions of the work, work continuously through the three shift operation, increase productivity and reduce operator fatigue..

Rico Prototype vehicles were produced in 2011 to great success. In the fourth quarter of 2012, Rico will deliver an additional (4) units of the successful M-250 to Ladish continuing to update their hard working fleet. The company now has projections to replace additional vehicle in 2013 with a goal to complete the fleet replacement over the next several years.

"The forging and steel industry is a very difficult industry with many obstacles and harsh conditions to overcome. These vehicles have exceeded our customers expectation with increased run time, limited maintenance required during production times and increased operator safety," said Steve Shuck, President of RICO Manufacturing. "Partnering with companies in this manner is where RICO can really excel as we understand the application and how to adapt the technology to the specific goals of our clients."

ATI Ladish Forging was founded in 1905 as Ladish Drop Forge Company with a focus on serving the automotive industry. Thirty years later the company began forging propellers for the emerging aerospace industry. Today, with the world's largest isothermal press, counterblow hammer, ring-roll and shear-form mills, ATI Ladish Forging is embedded in the global aerospace supply chain.

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