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**Prestigious “Best Innovator – Go Green” Award Won by Schunk Graphite Technology**

*MENOMONEE FALLS, WI, May 5, 2008* – The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM) presented on May 2, 2008, the Merlin Award to four outstanding companies representing excellence in German American trade. Schunk Graphite Technology ([www.schunkgraphite.com](http://www.schunkgraphite.com)) of Menomonee Falls is the winner of one of the four awards, the “Best Innovator”, for its innovations in the areas of products for solar cell production and wind power generation.

The focus for the 2008 award was “Go Green” where nominating companies were evaluated on the basis of advances made in the sphere of renewable energy or energy efficiency according to the GACCoM criteria. Schunk’s innovations in the areas of high temperature products for the production of solar cell raw materials and in new materials which improve the uptime and reduce maintenance on power generating wind mills were recognized for the award.

Schunk Graphite Technology is the North American arm of the global Schunk Group. Schunk employs about 130 people at its Menomonee Falls location producing mechanical and electrical carbon products for diverse industries. With its focus on innovation and product development, Schunk has been able to continue growing its business in North America in the face of many customers moving production off-shore, especially to China. Schunk’s electrical products are used in electric motors and generators in: wind mills, mining equipment, appliances, power tools, industrial motors, light rail and mass transit vehicles, automobiles and many other applications. Schunk’s mechanical products can be found in pumps and rotating equipment such as home appliances, medical equipment, gas pumps and other industrial equipment.

Schunk is honored to have been recognized by the GACCoM especially with the award focus on going green. It believes that innovation in clean energy products, like solar and wind, is good not only for the environment but also for business which drives continued growth and jobs in the Milwaukee area.

(The following is excerpted from the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest website, [www.gaccomm.org](http://www.gaccomm.org).)

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM), headquartered in Chicago, was founded in 1963.

GACCoM is an integral part of the network of German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs) with 120 offices in 80 countries around the globe. The continuing mission is to further, promote and assist in the expansion of bilateral trade and investment between Germany and the United States, especially the Midwest.

GACCoM’s territory covers 14 U.S. states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Colorado.