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ASQ Grants “Fellow” Status to Sunil Thawani

Milwaukee, Wis., 30th October 2008, 2008 – The American Society for Quality (ASQ) has awarded “Fellow” status to **Mr. Sunil Thawani** and 20 other ASQ members. These individuals were elected Fellows by ASQ’s board of directors in September 2008. In being elected Fellows, they are recognized as having achieved professional distinction and pre-eminence in the technology, theory, education, application, or management of quality control.

According to ASQ bylaws, Fellow membership status may be awarded to those individuals who have been ASQ members in good standing and meet the following criteria:

- Have at least 15 years of quality-related experience
- Meet minimum score requirements across six professional categories
- Are sponsored by peers and endorsed by their ASQ section and/or division
- Have been a Senior member for five years or longer

“ASQ presents these men and woman with Fellow status to recognize the commitment they have made to making quality a personal ethic, an organizational imperative, and a global priority,” said ASQ President Roberto Saco. “They are leaders of the quality movement, and many may become the future leaders of ASQ.”

Mr. Sunil Thawani, Sama Dubai, Dubai, U.A.E. , received Fellow membership status for

“His outstanding leadership in promoting, educating, and implementing TQM and business excellence concepts, tools, and methodologies; for sharing his rich and hands-on experience through his book, case studies, and presentations; for his significant

contributions to business excellence award programs in U.A.E; and for promoting ASQ's interests in the region.”

“**Mr. Sunil Thawani** is an MBA and Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering. He is an ASQ certified Six Sigma Black Belt, certified Business Process Reengineering Facilitator and ex Principal Quality Management Systems Auditor, (9000:2000) registered with IRCA, UK.

He has served as Member of the Jury Dubai Quality Award (DQA) and authored a book titled "Business Excellence Awards – Strategies for Winning." Sunil is ASQ Country Councilor for UAE and Chairman, Continual Improvement Sub group, Dubai Quality Group, Dubai.

He is currently working as Senior Manager, Corporate Governance, Business, Sama Dubai, a member of Dubai Holding, Dubai.

Other new ASQ Fellows, are:

1. Jonathon L. Andell, Andell Associates Consultants in Quality, Gilbert, Ariz.
2. S. AnilKumar, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, India
3. Bruce DeRuntz, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.
4. Necip Doganaksoy, Global Research Center, Niskayuna, N.Y.
5. B. Reddy Gottipolu, Fairview Health System, Eagan, Minn.
6. Brian J. Horstman, Steelcase Inc., Caledonia, Mich.
7. David B. Levy, Levy Quality Consulting, LLC, Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.
8. Joanne D. Mayo, Nortel, Cary, N.C.
9. Andrija Milivojevich, The Knowledge Management Group, Mississauga, ON, Canada
10. Raul F. Molteni, Molteni & Asociados, Buenos Aires, Argentina
11. Vijayan N. Nair, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
12. Kim S. Niles, Alphatec Spine, Inc., Escondido, Calif.
13. Gregory F. Piepel, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Wash.
14. Steven Richard Pollock, Humana, Inc., Louisville, Ky
15. Denise E. Robitaille, Robitaille Associates, Kingston, Mass.
16. Norma Simons, Simons-White & Associates, Ann Arbor, Mich.
17. Nicholas L. Squeglia, N.L. Squeglia & Associates, Essex, Conn.
18. Johan Veltmeyer, Griffith University, Robina, Queensland, Australia
19. Gamal S. Weheba, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan.
20. Linda Louise Westfall, The Westfall Team, Plano, Tex.



The American Society for Quality, www.asq.org, has been the world's leading authority on quality for more than 60 years. With more than 90,000 individual and organizational members, the professional association advances learning, quality improvement and knowledge exchange to improve business results and to create better workplaces and communities worldwide. As a champion of the quality movement, ASQ offers technologies, concepts, tools and training to quality professionals, quality practitioners and everyday consumers, encouraging all to Make Good Great[®]. ASQ has been the sole administrator of the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award since 1991. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., ASQ is a founding partner of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), a prominent quarterly economic indicator, and also produces the Quarterly Quality Report.

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