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Smyth's Austin plant earns AIB "Superior" rating

AUSTIN, MN March 21, 2007 --/For immediate release/-- Smyth Companies, Inc. based in Minneapolis has announced its Austin, Minnesota plant has received a "Superior" rating by the American Institute of Baking (A.I.B). A.I.B. audits facilities like Smyth's label manufacturing plant and certifies them as adherent to a standard for cleanliness and other factors that would affect items in close proximity or in contact with food products. One of the primary markets for Smyth's labels is Food and Beverage, so an A.I.B. certification is an important benchmark to achieve.

"We maintain a tight ship here with regard to cleanliness and organization, so the certification really just underscores our continual effort in this regard," said Ed Wright, Plant Manager of the Austin facility. "The 'Superior' rating is what we were aiming for."

Smyth Companies undertook a major restructuring in late 2006, and this A.I.B. audit and certification is one of the milestones signaling the completion of that project. It also indicates the readiness of the Austin plant to serve the quality demands of Smyth's food and beverage customers. In addition to the Austin plant, Smyth produces cut-and-stack labels at its Bedford, Virginia facility, and roll-fed pressure-sensitive labels in Minneapolis.

2007 marks 130 years in business for Smyth Companies.

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