



Press Release

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**TOTAL CARBIDE SHORTLISTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION AWARDS 2010**

Total Carbide and its project partners have been shortlisted in the Manufacturing and Process Innovation category of The Engineer Technology and Innovation Awards 2010 for the University of Liverpool project 'Micro-Porous Metals for Thermal Management'.

The prestigious awards, which are in their fourth year, span the key sectors of engineering and technology and recognise outstanding examples of collaboration wherever they occur across the full breadth of the UK's technology landscape.

The partners in the Micro-Porous Metals for Thermal Management project are the University of Liverpool, Total Carbide, C-Tech Innovation, Thermacore Europe, Vacua-Therm Sales and Ecka Granules Metal Powders.

The awards scheme is run by The Engineer, the leading magazine and website for technology and innovation. With awards in ten categories, the search for excellence will culminate in an awards ceremony at The Royal Society in London on Friday 3 December 2010. One of the category winners will then also be named as recipient of the Engineer Grand Prix Award, chosen by The Engineer's editorial team as the entry that particularly embodies the spirit of technology, innovation and collaboration.

Neill Ricketts, Managing Director of Total Carbide said: "Collaboration between industry and academia has a long history of producing innovation that significantly advances engineering processes, technology and design. Total Carbide is delighted that this project has been shortlisted for such a prestigious award. It recognises the value of our strategic decision to develop relationships with key universities on projects which add value and solve problems within our spectrum of engineering and manufacturing."

Total Carbide is one of the European leaders in the design and manufacture of tungsten carbide wear parts. The company has more than 50 years of experience in tungsten carbide grade and product development and provides wear part solutions to many of Europe's major companies and industries. The company is part of the Elektron Ventures division of Elektron plc (EKT:AIM).

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