

## **VERRONE TRANSMISSION PLANT RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS “LEAN & GREEN MANAGEMENT AWARD”**

The FCA plant in Verrone, Italy, received the prestigious international “Lean & Green Management Award” from German consultancy firms Growth© Consulting Europe GmbH and Quadriga Consult. On an annual basis, the two firms evaluate the lean production performance of a group of companies based on their efficient management of energy and environmental resources, machine effectiveness and supply chain and logistics efficiency.

This year, 31 companies from 10 European countries participated in the competition, including several from the Automotive sector. Among the finalists were plants located in Germany, France, Austria and Switzerland, with FCA representing Italy.

The Lean & Green Management Award encompasses individual production sites in all manufacturing sectors which have at least 100 employees and the categories include: “Companies/OEMs”, “SMEs” and “Special”. One of the principal aims of the competition is to generate benefits through the sharing of: best practices and networking between different industries; practical operating recommendations and innovative solutions; applications for resource efficiency consistent with Industry 4.0.

FCA has already participated in these awards in the past with the Tychy plant (Poland) receiving the Green Special Prize in 2013 and the Pomigliano plant receiving the Lean Special Prize in 2014.

This year, the Verrone transmission plant becomes the first FCA plant to win the top prize, the “Lean & Green Management Award”. The plant was recognized for its clear and consistent Lean & Green development strategy, for optimum integration of Environmental and Energy issues within the production system, as well as innovative Industry 4.0 and Digital Manufacturing solutions, guided by World Class Manufacturing (WCM). Receiving particular mention were the team spirit, high motivation and expertise, and strong people engagement at the Verrone plant. The overall evaluation is based on a consolidated model that contains over 100 individual criteria covering all business processes.

The Verrone plant, which has reached WCM Gold level, currently produces the C635 transmission family (both manual and automatic dual dry clutch “DDCT”). These transmissions equip a wide range of FCA vehicles including the Jeep Renegade and Cherokee, the Fiat 500X, Tipo and 500L, and the Alfa Romeo Giulietta, MiTo and 4C. The plant employs approximately 700 people.

The award ceremony will take place at Rhode & Schwarz in Munich/Memmingen on November 28th and 29th as part of the Smart Factory Day initiative.

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