

Canadian Innovation Awards 2004-2005

Innovative Product

Rutter Technologies Inc.

Newfoundland's Rutter Technologies, a subsidiary of Rutter Inc. based in St. John's, is helping the world's ships navigate safer and more efficient courses with its Voyage Data Recorder (VDR). The marine equivalent of an airplane's 'black box,' the VDR records most of the information available on a ship's bridge, ranging from alarms and navigation systems to vessel control parameters and communications (including conversations on the bridge itself).

Rutter's remarkable expansion and growth in the last two years has established it as the world leader in VDR technology. It provides this innovative product to customers such as Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America Line, Radisson Cruise Line, and the SeaFrance and Brittany fleets of ferries.

Rutter is also earning global recognition for its Sigma S6 radar technology, improving radar performance for ice navigation and target detection in general.

Byron R. Dawe, President of Rutter Technologies Inc., says, "Winning the CME's Canadian Innovation Award for Innovative Product means a great deal to the team at Rutter. Our people have given a lot of themselves; not only in building world class products, but in successfully going global. Recognition at home for accomplishing that will help Rutter continue to grow. It will energize us to be even more innovative in chasing a world of opportunity."



(L-R) Paul-Arthur Huot; Donald Clarke, Chairman, Rutter Technologies; Willy Krub, National Industry Leader, Consumer and Industrial Businesses, KPMG Canada (sponsor); Perrin Beatty.

"The world is changing and we are seeing that in our business every day. Going forward, we know our technology will cross over into market spaces that barely existed five years ago. Whether we provide products for marine, defense, aviation or homeland security applications is less the issue today. We have come to realize that we are really in the business of providing reliable, high value-added technologies and services that make the movement of people and goods safer and more efficient."

Chairman and CEO of Rutter Inc., Donald I. Clarke, adds, "Our products are manufactured in Newfoundland and Labrador and sold worldwide. I want to thank CME for shining the spotlight on a region that is now being recognized worldwide as a centre of excellence for world-class marine technology."

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