



Equipois Featured at 5th Annual Progressive Manufacturing Summit

June 11, 2009, LOS ANGELES, CA – Equipois Inc., manufacturer of *zeroG*[®] technologies that allow tools, parts and other payloads to be maneuvered as if weightless but with complete freedom of motion, was honored as a 2009 Technology Partner at *Managing Automation Media's* Progressive Manufacturing Summit, held on June 9-11, 2009 in Sarasota, Florida. Equipois received this distinction for its recent collaboration with Mercury Marine, the world's leading manufacturer of recreational marine propulsion engines.

Mercury Marine used Equipois's *zeroG*[®] technology to enable grinding of its heaviest propellers, earning Mercury Marine a Progressive Manufacturing Award in the field of Operational Excellence. The award recognized the project's success in reducing cost and lead time; reducing or eliminating injury potential; improving product quality due to control; and increasing utilization of workforce and equipment – resulting in a return on investment in excess of 100%. At the conclusion of the project, Darlene Fyvie, Plant Manager for Mercury Marine, summed up its benefits by saying, "We are excited to have reached a solution for this grinding operation because it takes the physical burden off the operator, provides a safer environment for our employees and additionally allows us to 'in-source' work at the plant."

Eric Golden, President & CEO of Equipois, represented the company at the 2009 Progressive Manufacturing Summit and was a speaker on a panel entitled *Redrawing the Organization: Why Enterprise Integration is Key*, a discussion exploring the impact of emerging Web 2.0 technologies on manufacturing firms. A portion of the panel discussion can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvLUGvhonQI>.

ABOUT EQUIPOIS INC.

Equipois designs and manufactures patented technologies that allow tools, parts, materials and other payloads to be maneuvered as if weightless, but with full range of motion. The company's zeroG[®] mechanical arm systems are designed to support a range of applications in the automotive, commercial aerospace, defense, and other manufacturing industries in order to boost productivity, reduce injuries, and improve quality. The Equipois zeroG⁴ holds tools and parts weighing from 8 to 36 lbs., while its zeroG² supports payloads weighing under 10 lbs. For further information, visit www.equipoisinc.com.