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## **Bridgend company takes Gold at prestigious regional business awards**

Morris Line Engineering, a Bridgend-based manufacturer of high voltage disconnectors and switches, has won regional recognition at this year's prestigious [EEF Future Manufacturing Awards](#).

Morris Line Engineering, which employs 70 staff won the Innovation Award, sponsored by HVM Catapult. This award celebrates manufacturing innovation whether demonstrated through product development or operating practices that have driven greater productivity, efficiency or business growth.

Morris Line Engineering was up against stiff competition from a range of innovative businesses - small and large - from across the region. It was selected by a panel of judges drawn from business leaders, industry experts and academics after impressing them with their collaboration with partners to support rapid prototyping and development of 3D printing technologies.

With the regional title now secured, Morris Line Engineering will now go on to compete for the national title at an awards gala dinner in London in January next year.

**Brian Jones, Executive Director of Manufacturing at Morris Line Engineering, says:** "This award is testament to our hard working and dedicated team, and we are delighted to have won. It puts us on the map as a modern and innovative company and goes some way to demonstrate the valuable contribution made by local manufacturers, like ourselves, to our region. We can't wait to share this news with all our staff, customers and suppliers.

"It's fantastic to get this far and now we're all looking forward to the national finals in January to see how we measure up against the rest of the UK."

**Dick Elsy, Chief Executive at HVM Catapult, says:** "Innovation, the drive to deliver ever better goods or services and the focus on continuous improvements in process and practice, is at the heart of every great company. It is key to the efficiency, outstanding productivity and world-beating competitiveness that creates robust, sustainable growth. Innovation creates opportunity but it is

challenging. Those who master it deserve our recognition and praise. Morris Line Engineering is a worthy winner of the Innovation Award.”

For more information about the awards visit: [www.eef.org.uk/awards/](http://www.eef.org.uk/awards/).

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**Notes to editors:**

Case studies of previous winners and finalists are available. Please contact Alex Block.

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