



Smart Candle Shines With 2008 Small Business Success Award

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Award recipients were selected from a statewide pool of applicants based on criteria that included the ability to detect and act upon opportunities; perseverance, energy, marketing savvy and managerial skill.

President of Smart Candle Americas Shane Vail said, "We are proud to have been recognized by Twin Cities Business; and we thank our customers and the entire Smart Candle Americas team for contributing to our 'glowing' success in hospitality, retail and wholesale markets."

Since its founding in 2004, Smart Candle has grown to offering 50 core LED products. The company doubled its revenues again in 2008 with over 2.5 million products shipped to customers throughout The Americas.

"As we look to the future," said Josh Kutzler, Smart Candle Americas CEO and CFO, "our vision is to partner with companies across the globe to design, develop and distribute new intelligent LED-based lighting products that fill every possible marketplace niche and contribute to cost-savings. Every Smart Candle product creates a stress-free way to experience and enjoy a safe and inviting flicker without the flame."

The Smart Candle product line includes tea lights, tapers, pillars and votives. Candles and holders can be customized to feature brand logos. Commercial clients include AAA Five-Diamond Hotels and Resorts throughout The Americas; Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines; Hyatt Hotels and the Wynn Hotel and Casino. Wholesale clients include clients like Target.com, Walgreens, MoMA (Museum of Modern Art), Loblaw's and Plow & Hearth.

About Smart Candle

Today there are 80 million Smart Candles in use, with daily production of over 300,000 from more than 140 different models. Smart Candles are used in 26,000 hotels and can be found in leading clubs and historical sites around the world including: St. Paul's Cathedral, Burj Alarab Dubai, Eiffel Tower and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Quality in product and service makes Smart Candle shine. To learn more visit: www.smartcandle.com and www.becandlesmart.com.

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