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Avtron and Mittal-Coatesville AIST White Paper Wins Farrington Award

Independence, OH – March 1, 2007 – The Association for Iron and Steel Technology's (AIST) Electrical Engineering Operating Committee (EEOC) has selected Avtron and Mittal's co-authored white paper "**Zero-Downtime, Phased Drive Upgrade of Mittal Steel USA-Coatesville's 140" Plate Mill**" as the winner of the Farrington Award for outstanding paper for 2006. The paper, co-authored by David Woodward of Avtron and John Ankney of Mittal, was originally presented at the AISTech 2006 Electrical Engineering Session on May 2, 2006. The Farrington Award is named after James Farrington, who founded the Association of Iron and Steel Electrical Engineers in 1907. To be eligible for consideration, a paper must be written, published and formally presented at an AIST EEOC sanctioned event during the 2006 calendar year.

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