

# Rock-Tenn earns plant of the year

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Brian Emerick doesn't know how to stop when he's ahead.

Emerick, the general manager of Rock-Tenn plant in Claremont, had his factory lauded as the paper company's plant of the year in 2006, and this year, he's going for it again.

He said that he saw another plant win the award the last time, and immediately set the ball rolling for the Claremont facility, which employs 154 people.

"We do it safer and at high quality levels," Emerick said.

But that is not to say that Emerick and the Claremont frozen-food packaging plant were without problems. He said the few injuries on the job and the higher levels of efficiency also came while the plant was installing a new printing press.

During the past year, Emerick

## WHAT IS ROCK-TENN

Rock-Tenn Company provides a wide range of packaging solutions to companies at low costs. The Claremont facility primarily produces folding cartons for frozen food packaging.

noticed a competitor's printing press for sale in New Hampshire and Emerick decided that "it was absolutely the best deal I've ever seen in my life."

"I would have written them a check from my own pocket," Emerick said.

The shift in presses took a few months to complete, but eventually it paid off for the manufacturer, which prints ice cream products'

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The plant now boasts three presses, with the addition of the 26-inch, six-color web offset press.

But even then Emerick said it was the people on the floor that

deserved the credit.

"The real heroes are the people there that are making happen on the floor," Emerick said.

Emerick's plant was one of 26

plants considered for the award. The plant won on the basis of its financial performance, safety track record and housekeeping.