

**The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec awards the 2014 Prix Génie innovation
to Robotiq Inc. team for its two-finger adaptive robot gripper – 200**

Montreal, May 16, 2014 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec presented the 2014 Prix Génie innovation to the team at Robotiq Inc. for its two-finger adaptive robot gripper – 200 project. Louis-Alexis Allen Demers, Eng., Project Manager in Research and Development, accepted the award on behalf of Robotiq's team at the 2014 Gala de l'excellence en génie, which was held during the OIQ's Annual Conference.

Robotiq Inc. designed the 200 model of its two-finger gripper to give robots a better grip. This achievement is part of worldwide efforts by groups in the robotics sector to create flexible manufacturing systems that are able to perform faster changeovers from one automated production process for a range of products to another. Robotiq's two-finger gripper is a simple robot hand that can be used in and adapted to different types of industrial environments.

It also has some special features: an underactuated mechanism that allows it to grasp objects three different ways (parallel, encompassing and internal); a simple architecture composed of bars and pivots; a motor and electronics in a sealed casing. The robot gripper was first introduced in the market in April 2013.

During each phase of the project, a team of engineers worked on designing the Robotiq Gripper according to the general design principles of ISO standard 12100. For instance, many tests were performed to increase the service life of the gripper, and aluminium was used to minimize the quantity of waste.

The goal of the Prix Génie innovation is to encourage innovative engineering by recognizing its value, both in terms of the results achieved and the efforts made. Innovative engineering rewarded by this prize must absolutely help improve the quality of human life and reflect the fundamental values of the engineering, which are competence, ethics, responsibility and social commitment.

About Robotiq inc.

Robotiq designs and manufactures flexible robot grippers to maximize the return on investment of manufacturing industries that produce a wide range of parts. Robotiq works with robot manufacturers, system integrators, end users and a vast global distribution network.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

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