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## 2015 Product of the Year!

## Large Diameter Bionax PVCO Pressure Pipe

Setting the standard is an achievement that IPEX can claim numerous times and in multiple markets. The introduction of Bionax PVCO pressure pipe was an obvious example. But establishing

yourself as a leader requires the commitment to always go farther and that is what the 2015 new product of the year project team did.

Congratulations to the Saint-Laurent Large Diameter Bionax PVCO team as they win the 2015 Innovision Award for New Product of the Year. Having overcome the challenges of mastering a new nology to make 4" – 12" PVCO and

technology to make 4" - 12" PVCO and very successfully introducing and converting the market, IPEX readily accepted the challenge to push the limits and expand the size range up to 18". It is rare that a project requires the expansion of a facility in order to even attempt to make a product but that is what the team assembled for this project were confronted with. In order to accommodate the new production line and required testing, the St Laurent manufacturing facility needed to be enlarged and interior space reconfigured to accommodate new Quality Control rooms. Six months later the new production line was installed and the

team began the process of commissioning, producing and testing 14", 16" and 18" Bionax PVCO.

In a little over a year, the Large Diameter Bionax Team took a concept of larger sizes from an idea to reality. The team is to be commended for exceptional project management of the building construction and the order, receipt, installation and commissioning of equipment. The teams detailed preparation for launch inspired confidence and IPEX was rewarded with the final confirmation of success - an immediate order followed by quick conversion to Bionax PVCO in the market.

Thanks to the determined effort of the core team and extended team members the Bionax<sup>®</sup> brand continues to be synonymous with product excellence.

