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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Crothersville Indiana's Cerro Wire, Inc. with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN March 18, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Crothersville, Indiana's Cerro Wire, Inc. in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP). The company also has operations in Alabama, Georgia and Utah.

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Founded in 1920, Cerro Wire, Inc. manufactures copper electrical building wire and cable. The company serves both residential and commercial customers with wire for interior electrical wiring in homes, apartments, manufactured housing and building wire for commercial and industrial buildings. "INSHARP recognition emphasizes Cerro Wire's knowledge, understanding and application of effective worker safety and health management. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to present this award to and partner with Cerro Wire for continued employee safety and health excellence," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Monday, March 17, 2008 in Crothersville, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Cerro Wire, Inc. employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

To qualify for INSHARP participation an employer's Days Away Restricted and Transferred Rate (DART) must be below national average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Cerro Wire's DART Rate is 83 percent below the industry's average. When effectively implemented, worker safety and health programs yield positive results. Over a one-year period Cerro Wire reduced their Total Recordable Case Rate (TRC) by 43 percent. "This is a commendable achievement; one that Cerro Wire should be proud of showcasing," added Torres.

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