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Summit Brands and Pro Products, LLC of Fort Wayne Earn Recognition for Exemplary Workplace Safety and Health

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 20, 2012) – Setting the example locally for what a safe and healthy workplace should be, sister companies Summit Brands and Pro Products, LLC, have recently been welcomed into the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP).

To participate in INSHARP, a company must develop and implement an effective worker safety and health program and maintain occupational injury and illness rates below the national average for their industry over the last three years. Currently, fewer than 50 Indiana workplaces have achieved INSHARP certification.

"Workplace safety and health begin with management support, employee participation, and effective systems that identify and eliminate occupational safety and health hazards," said Department of Labor Commissioner Lori Torres. "Both Summit Brands and Pro Products, LLC, have followed this approach and have demonstrated how those combined efforts really do contribute to workers' health and safety."

Since its beginning in 1958, Summit Brands has marketed and sold specialty household cleaning brands with a focus on safe and effective cleaning solutions. Pro Products, LLC, was established in 1995. The company blends pre-formulated powdered chemicals for water treatment and irrigation professionals. Together, both workplaces employ more than 70 employees.

Both worksites celebrated their INSHARP certifications at their respective facilities.

More information about the INSHARP program can be found at <u>www.in.gov/dol/2382.htm</u>.

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