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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Nachi Technology, Inc. in Greenwood, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN January 23, 2009 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Nachi Technology, Inc. in Greenwood, Indiana in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP). This is the first site in Johnson County to obtain INSHARP certification.

INSHARP, a federally recognized program, is one of two of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs. INSHARP was established to recognize and promote exemplary safety and health management systems throughout the state. INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment. To date there are 32 INSHARP certified employers in the state of Indiana.

A subsidiary of Nachi Fujikoshi, Nachi Technology began production in Greenwood, Indiana in 1990. The company is a manufacturer of precision ball bearings for the automotive industry. Nachi's bearing product is primarily used in air conditioning compressors and in the drive axles of several vehicle makes and models. "It is always gratifying to see companies proactively addressing workplace safety. In the automotive component industry, a competitive edge is achieved by ensuring employee safety resulting in lower operating costs and higher employee morale. Nachi has taken a comprehensive approach in managing worker safety and health," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Greenwood, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Nachi employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

Management commitment and employee involvement are critical components of any worker safety and health initiative. Nachi Technology has an active safety committee that is made up of about 60% labor associates and 40% management. A member of the committee is responsible for conducting monthly safety audits. Results from the audit are reviewed during the company's monthly safety meeting. The company also engages employees through safety and health suggestions.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683 or skeefers@dol.in.gov.

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