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Indiana Department of Labor Honors International Aerospace Tubes in Indianapolis, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN April 25, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Indianapolis, Indiana’s International Aerospace Tubes in Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

International Aerospace Tubes (IAT) is a joint venture between Pratt & Whitney and Tube Processing Corporation that was established in 2001. Employing more than 150 employees, the company manufactures and repairs engine aircraft components. “It is always gratifying to see companies that proactively address and manage workplace safety and health. The Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulate IAT for continued worker safety and health excellence,” commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

The VPP “Star” certification ceremony was held on April 22, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for IAT employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

To qualify for VPP “Star” status, the company’s Days Away Restricted and Transferred (DART) Rate and Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) must be below that of the industry’s average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). IAT’s three-year average TCIR is 71.3% below the most recent industry average. “VPP sites are demonstrated leaders in the occupational safety and health arena. IAT’s achievement is proof-positive in how successful implementation of a safety and health management system has an impact on not only injury and illness rates, but also on employee satisfaction and morale,” added Torres.

VPP “Star” status is the highest level of recognition of occupational safety and health management that can be awarded. The parent company, United Technologies, currently has ten “Star” facilities nationwide in VPP.

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