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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Jasper Engines and Transmissions in Jasper, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN April 30, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the “Merit” certification of Jasper, Indiana’s Jasper Engines and Transmissions 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.

Jasper Engines and Transmissions was founded in 1942 in Jasper, Indiana and operates three production sites nationwide. Employing more than 850 workers, the company’s Jasper site remanufactures drive train components that include gasoline and diesel engines, stern drives, transmissions, differentials and performance (NASCAR) and alternative fuel engines. “It is always gratifying to witness companies that proactively address and manage workplace safety and health. The Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulate Jasper Engines and Transmissions for achieving VPP ‘Merit’ status,” commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

The VPP “Merit” certification ceremony was held on April 29, 2008 in Jasper, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Jasper Engine and Transmissions’ employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

The facility has also been successful in reducing the number of OSHA recordable injuries and illnesses by 39% in a three-year span. “VPP sites are demonstrated leaders in the occupational safety and health arena. The reduction of recordable injuries and illnesses at Jasper Engines and Transmissions 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.

The Jasper, Indiana site is the first of the company’s facilities to achieve VPP status.

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