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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Indiana Department of Labor Honors Brookville, Indiana's Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN November 27, 2007** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce that Brookville, Indiana's Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Star" status.

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.

Converting more than two million pounds of raw materials each day, the Brookville Roofing facility is one of 15 Owens Corning Roofing facilities in the United States and produces laminate shingles for the residential roofing market. Annually, the facility converts about 57,000 tons of asphalt coating and more than 71,000 tons of surface granules into their finished product, utilizing 80 percent of recycled manufactured waste.

The VPP "Star" ceremony was held on Monday, November 19, 2007 in Brookville, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials. "Brookville Roofing's standing as a respected corporate citizen that genuinely cares for its workforce was illustrated by the number of local and state elected officials present for the ceremony. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulates Brookville Roofing in its success," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres commented.

Workplace safety and health management is incorporated into all positions at Brookville Roofing as corporate safety and health professionals, site management and employees are held accountable for safety and health activities. The company has a ten-employee safety committee, representing all shifts and departments—production, maintenance and shipping. Comprehensive safety and health evaluations are formal and conducted annually by corporate safety and health professionals as well as outside contractors.

VPP "Star" status is the highest level of recognition of occupational safety and health management that can be awarded. Brookville Roofing is the first Owens Corning Roofing plant in the United States to receive VPP status.

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